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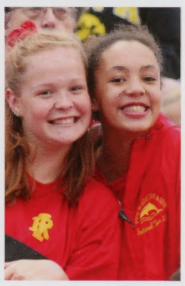

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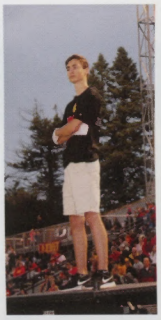

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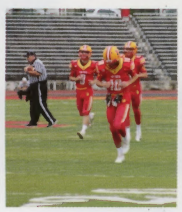
SENIOR YEAR



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Saja Abdulmunem
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Taylor Adrian
Leonardo Aguilera

Charles Allison
Taylor Arp
Myah Awalt
Cho Cho Aye
Set Aye
Jendaya Bailey

Amari Banks
Kaitlyn Bender
Jasmine Berry
Sydney Best
Patrick Bilenganya
Jocee Bloyer

Rylee Bowling
Mirsa Boyer
Benjamin Bradley
Zaida Bradley
Ethan Braun
Rachel Bril

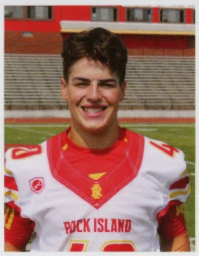
Senior ANTHEMS

Shannon Kenney

"Breaking Free" by High School Musical

Clovis Kenese

"4EVER" by Clairo

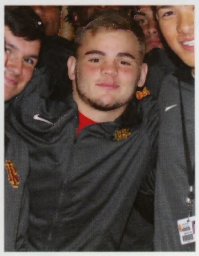


Austin Ford

"Baby Shark" by Pinkfong

Monica Diaz

"September" by Earth, Wind, & Fire



Jesse Linch

"The Climb" by Miley Cyrus

What song represents your senior year?

Dakota Brose
Evan Buller
Kya Burkhardt
Abigail Bush
Caroline Cady
Sera Calhoun

Carlee Camlin
Michael Camp
Kayla Canning
Corina Castaneda
Melissa Castaneda
Kaylee Cather

Amadeo Cerda
MaKayla Chandler
McKenna Chastain
Donell Clark
Gabrielle Clarke
Benjamin Claude

Davon Combs
Cobie Conger
Darnell Conner
Miles Crawford
Nate Culver
Logan Curry

Traditions
WE WILL MISS

"Homecoming Week, because everyone gets together, and it is the first dance event."

- Cameron Johnson

"I am going to miss going to all the band competitions for my brother because it was always fun to go to and support them."

- Cobie Conger

"The tradition I will miss the most is when the music starts, and it's time to run out into the Field House for our home basketball games."

- Tyler Meirhaeghe

"I will miss cheering for the soccer team, hanging out with friends, and being able to see my little brother play this year."

- Vanessa Torres

"I will miss singing the 'Alma Mater' after marching band performances. It brought us all together, as we would stand around and hold each other in our arms."

- Adelyne Phares

Camron Czerwinski-Earley
Andrea Daley
Kalangilo Davis
Hunter DeMeyer
Nicholas Dennhardt
Trevor Dennis

Erica Depoorter
Kayla Depoorter
Mikayla DePover
Shay Detert
Monica Diaz-Reyes
Madison Doty

Clair Eastman
Breanna Eberts
Jill Elder
Dayton Ellis
Ashja Finley
Christina Fisher

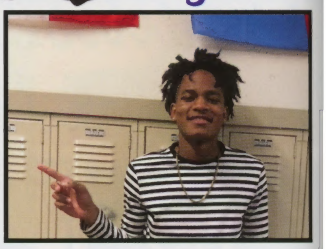
Whitney Flaugh
Grant Florence
Andrew Forsterling
Kaitlyn Fraikes
Callie Franks

We are in this together

Morgan Harty is going to NIU with her friend, Jacklyn Weckerly. "When I visited the campus, it just felt like home! Jacklyn and I have been friends since 5th grade, and we work at the same nursing home as CNAs, so we are both going to NIU for nursing."

Jacklyn Weckerly is going to NIU with her friend, Morgan Harty. "I love the environment of NIU. It's a great university to start my career. It's exciting to go with Morgan because we are both going for nursing, and we have been friends for a very long time."

Carlee Camlin is going to Bradley University on a volleyball scholarship. "It's reassuring to know that someone else from Rock Island will be at the same school to compete and wear the Bradley jersey on our chests, instead of Rock Island."



JaMir Price is going to Bradley University on a basketball scholarship. "It's exciting to have someone go there with me because it's someone I went to high school with, and to be able to represent the Rock Island community."

Vincent Freiburg
Jordan Gale
Kayla Garcia
Aislinn Geedey
Shawn Gingry
Gabriel Gonzalez

Garrett Gordon
Aaliyah Gosney
Teresa Govain-Pulliam
Moses Granja-Reed
Denise Gray
Ruby Grijalva

Mitchell Grizzle
Grace Gruhlke
Eduardo Gutierrez
Shelby Haney
Mercedes Hantz
Jada Harris

Janey Harris
Morgan Harty
Amber Haskill
Amy Haskill
Spencer Hasselroth
Jeremy Haynes-Lancour

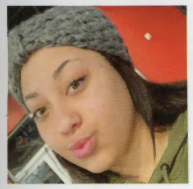
SENIOR Memories

"Traveling with the band to our competitions, and also the bus rides back home are my favorite."

Kendell Lewis, 12

"My favorite high school memory was the Homecoming game for football."

Mutumwinka Rose, 12



"My favorite high school memory was riding the buses and sitting with my team before the games."

Janey Harris, 12

"My favorite high school memory was the standing ovation I got for playing John Proctor."

Vincent Freiburg, 12

"Setting a new personal record in pole vault is my best high school memory."

Kylee Homan, 12

"My favorite high school memory was Homecoming during my junior year, and the theme week leading up to it."

Kayla Depoorter, 12

"Joining Chamber Choir is my favorite high school memory."

Jozette Lopez, 12

"Traveling to Peoria to watch the Girls' Softball Team win State is my favorite memory."

Jaquez Trice, 12

"My favorite high school memory was going to Florida with the Marching Band."

Aliza Malone, 12

Matthew Hays
Alex Hendricks
Analyssa Hicks
Breanna Homan
Kylee Homan
Htoo Htoo

Lah Htoo
Knyiah Jack
Marceisha Jackson
Anastasia Jacobs
Carson James
Emily Jansen

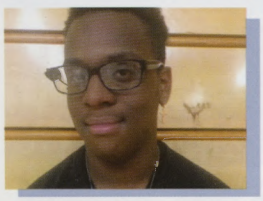
Cameron Johnson
Cole Johnson
Sophia Johnson
Miya Jones
Steven Jones
Emmanuel Juma

Kay-lynne Kain
Anastasia Kask
Haley Kelemen
Delaney Kelley
Mara-Lane Kelley
Shannon Kenney

Umuganwa Annette
Owen Beltran
Wang Kalomba
Jaselle Kruzic
Shacail Reed

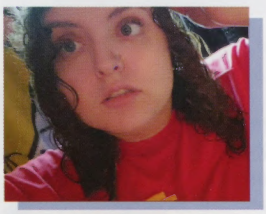
OUR FOUR YEARS ON THE BIG SCREEN

[Seniors describe their high school experience with movie quotes]



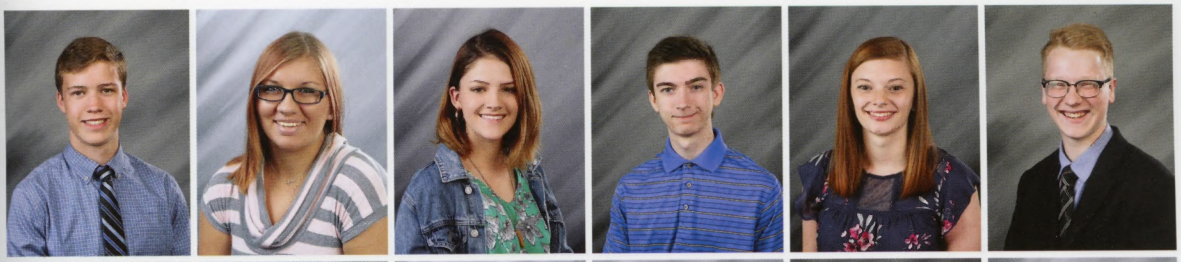
Tavian Wilson
"A person's a person, no matter how small!"
- Horton Hears a Who

Thomas Kramer
"I'm sorry I ruined your lives and crammed 11 cookies in the VCR."
- Elf



Shelby Haney
"Man, it always seems impossible, but you always find a way."
- That 70's Show

Rachel Solis
"Is there anyone else here? I'm trying to save money for college."
- Napoleon Dynamite



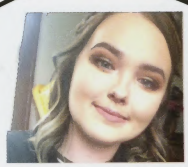
Scott Kerno
Chelse Kibling
Morgan Kidwell
Peyton Klingbeil
Hannah Knuth
Thomas Kramer

Hailey Kress
Myint Kyi
Nia Lam
Tyler Lampkin
Emily Laughlin
Pint Lay

Robert Lee
Margaret Lelonek
Kaylyn Lemmon
Kendell Lewis
Jesse Linch
Alyssa Long

Sarah Long
Jozette Lopez
Corbin MacDonald
Aliza Malone
Julian Mancera
Kristina Mathews

Seniors' Favorite Classes



Emily Skelton

"AP English Language and Composition because there was never a dull moment with Mrs. Greenwood."

Calin Nevarez

"Football Gym because it was another opportunity to make my performance better for Friday nights."

Kayla Garcia

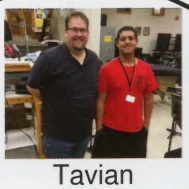
"US Government with Mr. Rembis because he made the learning environment enjoyable."

Jamal Randle

"US History with Mrs. Randolph because we had fun while doing class work, and she is really cool."

Kaylyn Lemmon

"AP Environmental Science with Mrs. Wolber because it was very interactive."



Tavian Bushnell

"Marching Band because it's where I feel the most comfortable."

William Maurer
Maddison Mazzarollo
Jacob McAfee
Madeline McAnally
Blake McKillip
Victoria McLeod

Kenyon McMeans
Tyler Meirhaeghe
Mackenzie Melody
Madison Michaels
Kaiah Miles
Dyonnvia Millbrook

Ava Miller
Aye Moo
Amanda Munson
Sha Myint
Calin Nevarez
Courtney Neville

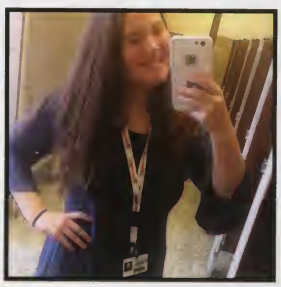
Alexis Nieves
Mackenzie Nightingale
Salvator Niyimbona
Grant Osborn
Emily Painter
Racquel Parks

SENIORS' NETFLIX PICKS

Kaitlyn Bender
"Grey's Anatomy"

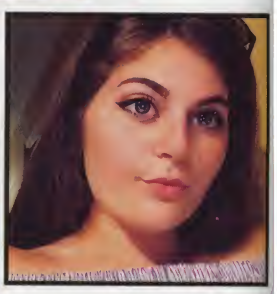
Aaliyah Gosney
"The Vampire Diaries"

Wynter Rade
"The Office"



Kaitlyn Fraikes
"The Ranch"

Ava Miller
"The Twilight Zone"



Sher Paw
Tar Pay
Leslie Perez
Ashley Peters
Carter Pfaff
Adelyne Phares

Catelyn Pohl
Andrew Polito
Paige Porter
Clayton Price
JaMir Price-Sysompheng
Ian Purvis

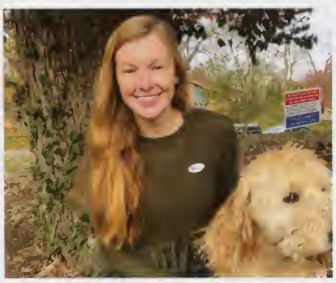
Maria Quilty
Alban Rachal
Wynter Rade
Rocio Rebolledo
Gracie Roady
Sh'Tya Rockwood-Johnson

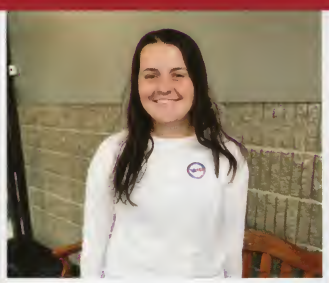
Maleiah Rogers
Jaqueline Romero
Broaderrick Rush
Moises Salinas Pelaez
Jordan Sanders-Mosby
Mia Sanders-Mosby

Rocks Earn The RIGHT to Vote

"To me, being able to exercise my right to vote is a big step in my life. After learning about the rights we have in AP U.S. Government and Politics, it is incredibly gratifying to have my vote count in the Democratic process."
- Grant Florence

"I am excited to have a voice in the next election!"
- Maddie Lelonek





"It is really exciting to have my first time voting be in such an important election. Hopefully, our generation can be the one to change America's future for the better."
- Emily Laughlin

"For me, it means to have a say in the community and about what happens in our lives, and to be able to help make a change by voting for what's right."
- Amber Haskill

Reagan Scheper
Ryan Schroeder
Kieli Seams
Tayler Seibel
Samuel Serrano-Griffiths
Gracie Sharpe

Ta Shee
Taylor Sierens
Angel Simpson
Emily Skelton
Lucas Smith
Callista Spicer

Chase Spragg
Emma Spurgetis
Caitlin Stotts
Katelyn Swanigan
Logan Swartz
Austin Taylor

Vanessa Torres
Bryce Trask
Jaquez Trice
Quinnlan Tuominen
Jeannette Tuyisabe
Wonmen Vah

FUTURE ME...

Jocee Bloyer
Dentist

"I wanted to do something with medicine, and I couldn't decide, but I had an opportunity to shadow with a dentist, and after that, I fell in love with dentistry."

Marceisha Jackson
Criminal Justice

"I want to be a criminal defense lawyer."

Garrett Gordon
Welder

"I chose welding because it's something that I enjoy doing, and also, I have enjoyed taking the welding class here at Rocky."

Kameron Roberts
Musical Theatre

"I chose Musical Theatre because it's the one thing that makes me truly happy."

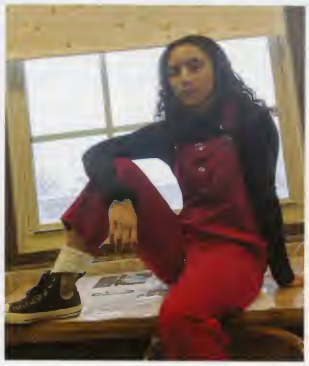
Amani Vesey
Anthony Voss
Melanie Wallace
Braylon Walton-Johnson
Jacklyn Weckerly
Claude Wizeyimana

Bryce Zaleski

TIME TRAVELERS FROM THE PAST

"I like my 90's outfit because it is different from fashion today."

- Monica Diaz



"I use the 80's and 90's to mix up my outfits."

- Mirsa Boyer

"My grandfather's Hawaiian shirts mixed well with my own style of bright colors."

- Kameron Roberts

"Fashion allows me to dress my truth."

- Margaret Lelonek

"Honestly, the 70's inspires me so much!"

- Haley Kelemen

"The shirt is very 70's. I like the patterns from that time."

- Melissa Castaneda

"I'm inspired by 80's and 90's fashion for its different colors, cool zippers, and pants being high waisted."

- Angel Simpson

"I literally find these from raiding my grandparents' closets for 90's clothes."

- Ava Miller

EARLY GRADUATES

This year, 38 Rock Island seniors will graduate at the end of first semester.

Kristina Mathews
"I had all my credits I needed to graduate, and I was ready to move onto the next phase of my life!"

Cole Johnson
"I am planning on going into the Air Force, so graduating early allowed me to start that process sooner."

Maria Quilty
"I wanted to get a head start on college!"

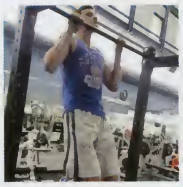
Jocee Bloyer
"Graduating early allowed me to start taking college courses sooner and get a head start."

SENIOR SPOTS

Carlee Camlin and Ian Purvis' favorite spot is Black Hawk Park.

Gabriel Gonzalez's favorite place is Almquist Field.

Caroline Cady's favorite spot is Schweibert Park.



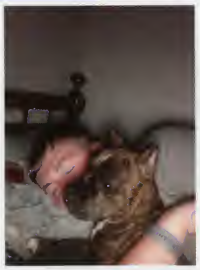
Scott Kerno's favorite place is the RIFAC.

Grace Gruhlke's favorite spot is Lake George at Loud Thunder.

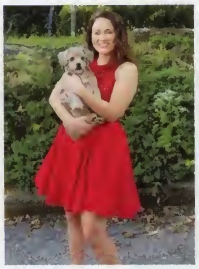
Monica Diaz and Rocio Rebolledo's favorite spot is the Cafe d'Marie.

SENIORS' PET PALS

Reagan Scheper and her dog, Monroe



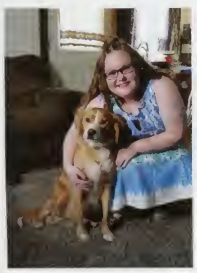
Logan Swartz and his dog, Rocky



Kaylyn Lemmon and her puppy, Bella

Kaiah Miles and her bunny, Lulu

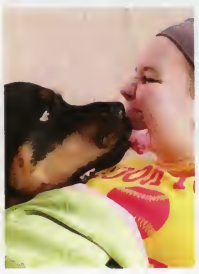
Scott Kerno and his dog, Hope



Anastasia Kask and her dog, Moose

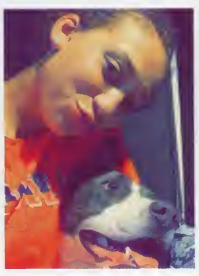
Vincent Freiburg and his dog, Daisy

Mackenzie Melody and her dog, Maddie



Hailey Kress and her dog, Nitro

Donell Clark and his dog, Lady



Lauryn Stegall and her dog, Kita

SENIOR COMMITS

Logan Swartz
"Kent State was a great fit, and it felt like home. They offer my major interest, and I feel like I can make a future impact for their program."

Carlee Camlin
"The facilities at Bradley were great, and the environment was nice. The coaching staff and players really made it feel like home for me."

Ashley Peters
"When I visited Purdue, it really felt like home. The facilities are super nice. It's been my dream my whole life to play at a big school."

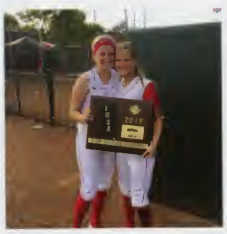
Charles Allison
"I really enjoyed the coaching staff at Indiana State. They play a really tough schedule, and that sounds like a fit for me!"

BFFS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEARS

Kristina Mathews, Carlee Camlin, and Kayla Canning,
from 7th grade to Senior Year

Aaron Voss, Austin Ford, and Grant Osborn,
from Kindergarten to Senior Year

Morgan Harty and Grace Gruhlke,
from birth to Senior Year



Emma Spurgetis and Delaney Kelley,
from 2nd grade to Senior Year

Monica Diaz-Reyes and McKenna Chastain,
from 7th grade to Senior Year

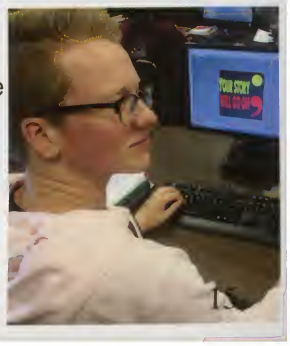
Myah Awalt and Reagan Scheper,
from 2nd grade to Senior Year

SENIORS' ART PROJECTS

"It is a luminary for a candle, which is made out of clay, then put into a kiln, fired, glazed, then put back in the kiln to finalize."
- Bryce Zaleski

"I have a comic book called 'Reality.'"
- Andrew Forsterling

"It's a suicide prevention t-shirt we made for graphic design."
- Thomas Kramer



FROM PEBBLES TO *Rocks*

Ashley Peters and Shannon Kenney

Carlee Camlin

Ian Purvis

Cole Johnson

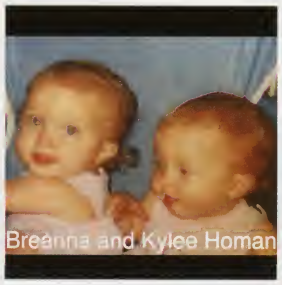
Hannah Knuth

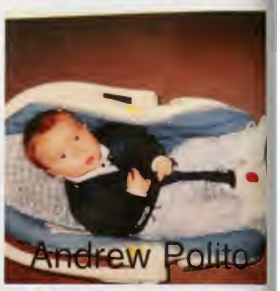
Kayla Canning

Emma Spurgetis

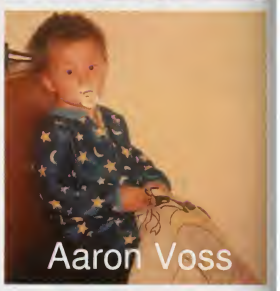
Erica and Kayla Depoorter

Delaney Kelley

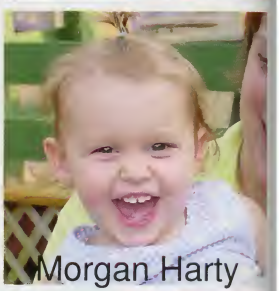

Breanna and Kylee Homan


Andrew Polito

Amber and Amy Haskill


Aaron Voss

MaKayla Chandler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Janey and Jada Harris

Mikayla DePover

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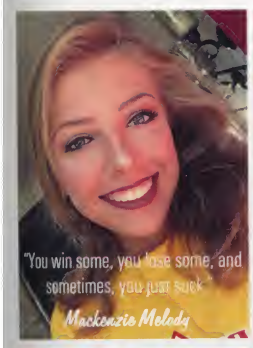
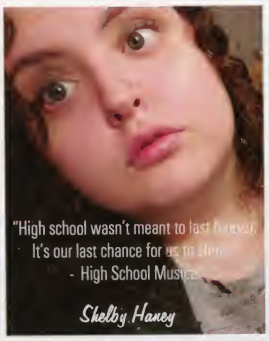
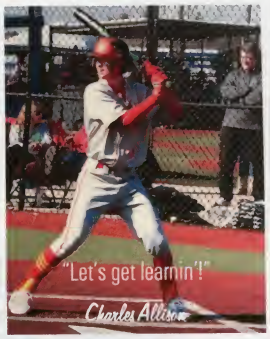
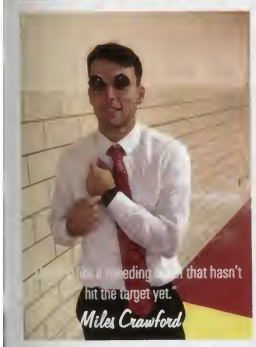
Kya Burkhardt


"You win some, you lose some, and sometimes, you just suck."
Mackenzie Melody

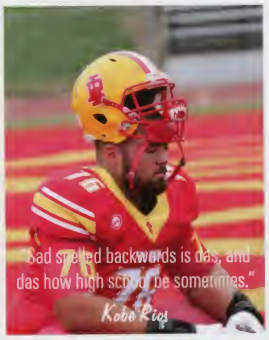
"When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you."
- Walter Payton
William Mawer

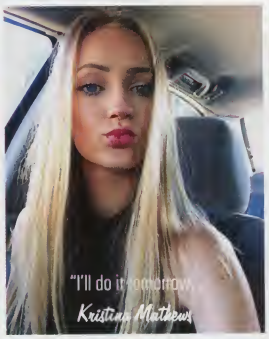

"High school wasn't meant to last forever. It's our last chance for us to [illegible]"
- High School Musical
Shelby Haney


"Let's get learnin'!"
Charles Allison

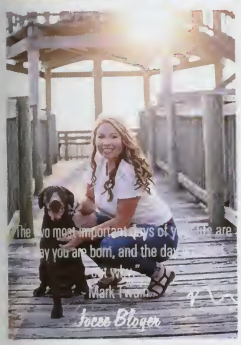

"[illegible] hit the target yet."
Miles Crawford

"The noblest art is that of making others happy."
- P.T. Barnum
Hannah Knuth


"Sad spelled backwards is das, and das how high school be sometimes."
Kobe Rios

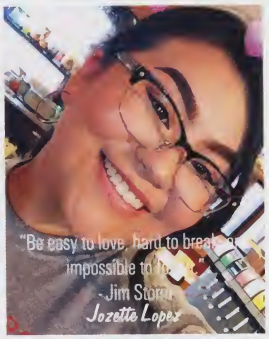

"I'll do it tomorrow."
Kristina Mathews

"You gotta do what you gotta do."
Mackenzie Nightingale


Jocee Bloyer

"I'm ready to face [illegible] challenge that might be foolish enough to face me."
- Dwight Schrute
Monica Diaz

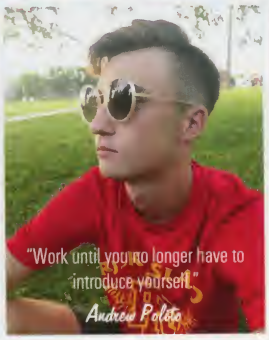
"I would still tell myself to take risks, but I tell myself that [illegible] and don't listen."
McKenna Chastain


"Be easy to love, hard to break, impossible to forget."
- Jim Storm
Jozetta Lopez

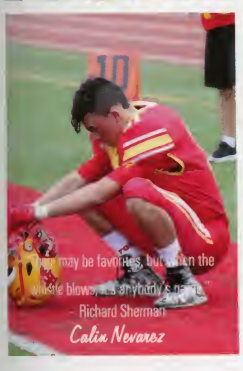
"Fortnite won't get you anywhere. Let me tell you you're wrong."
Aaron Voss

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."
- Mark Twain
Ian Purvis

ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FIELDHOUSE
"Y'all, we're here."
Carlee Carlin


"Work until you no longer have to introduce yourself."
Andrew Polito

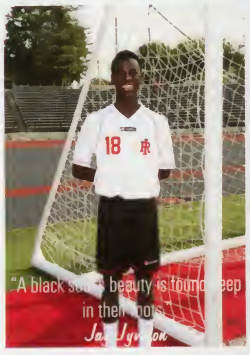
"I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it really, really well."
Mercedes Haniz


- Richard Sherman
Colin Nevarez

- Barack Obama
Emily Laughlin

Donell Clark

Musical."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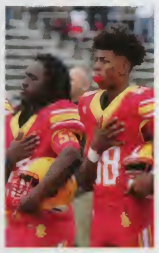

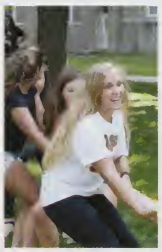

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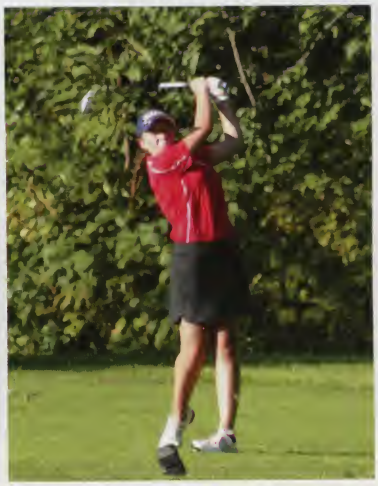

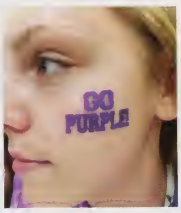

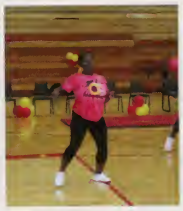

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Aaron Aitken
Omar Al Gburi
Maria Alba
Gannon Aldeman
Sehinda Alfa

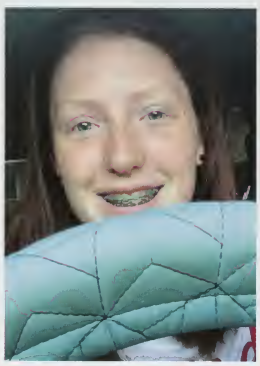
Sevilya Alieva
Jevantez Allen
Minani Allin
Isaac Almanza
Nicholas Alt
Aden Alvarez
Natalie Anderson

Jarrett Andrew
Johnae Angel
Jonathan Anglese
Keira Arrington
Aaliyah Austin
Ximena Avalos
Senyo Awoudi

Angelina Balandran
Miranda Banks
Telena Barnes
Keshaun Beason
Emma Beierlein
Jessica Bell
Colin Benisch

Juniors Behind The WHEEL

Morgan Freeman
"It feels good because I do not have to wait on my parents, and ask for rides, or wait on being picked up."



Darian Harding
"It is amazing. I have so much freedom, and I can get snacks when I want."

Morgan Nesbitt
"I do not have to worry about asking other people and my parents for rides anymore, and I can go where I want."

Tye Gordon
"I like not having to rely on my parents because I do not have to wait on them, and I can come and go as I please."

Kaitlyn Welsh
"It gives me a sense of newfound freedom. I have the ability to do more of what I'd like to do without having to plan it around my parents' schedule and their ability to get me places."

Allanah Berry
Zachary Bisby
Erionna Blackhawk
Eh Kaw Blay
Sydney Boyle
Mckenzie Brandt
Bianca Brown

Kavon Brown
Madalynn Brummit
Alexa Buckrop
Vanessa Burney
Haley Burroughs
Alexa Carpenter
Jazel Carr

Genaro Carrillo
Caleb Carroll
Kayleigh Cassatt
Shaila Christopher
Anthony Cimarrusti
Danielle Clark
Dante Clark

Terry Clark
Anntonia Clay
Malin Coakley
Colin Colbrese
Amirre Coleman
Logan Conner
Madison Coopman

ROCKS PRACTICE THE S.A.T.

"It prepares you for what's to come, so you have a better understanding of the test."
- Daniel Mulongecha

"I will be opening the door for more opportunities when I get my score on the actual test from all the practice I've had."
- Aaliyah Houston-Lyle

"The practice S.A.T. is a chance to make my parents and myself very proud. If I can do well, I am ready to complete this test."
- Uwamahoro Sophie

"Practicing S.A.T.'s comforts me, knowing that I have a feel for the test, so I'm more likely to do better."
- Morgan Freeman

"Practicing the S.A.T.'s gives me an extra opportunity to figure out what I really need to focus on before the test."
- Armonni Parks

Angelina Cortez
Bukuru Coudray
Christopher Crane
Matthew Crone
Carter Cumberworth
Hannah Dale
Tristinn Davis

Savannah Debus
Lauryn Dempsey
Amy Dennhardt
Madelynn DePover
Vincent DeVore
Nishemezwe Diane Joseph Dilulio

Aysia Dixon
Marice Dodd
Sydney Dorman
Trevor Dorsam
Kiowa Dove
Sja'Lell Downing-Mims
Hannah Drish

Siobhan Dunn
Alayah Edgerson
Shannon Elliott
Nils Empen
Ella Engholm
Anthony England
Vincent Esposito

Liam Haskill - Drum Major
"Being involved in the band as much as I am has been a wonderful experience. It's great to work with the directors and other leaders to make the band the best that it can be. It's a large responsibility, but it's one that I couldn't be happier to uphold."

Nicholas Alt, Shaila Christopher, Tristinn Davis*, Hannah Drish, Siobhan Dunn, Liam Haskill, Ethan Kirkpatrick, Ellie Maranda, MacKenzie Noppe*, Ryan Nickel*, Larissa Pothoven, Anna Rowell, Aaliyah Smith, Bailey Tripilas, Sergio Zepeda

* not pictured

Ellie Maranda - Woodwind Captain
"It's a big responsibility, but it is also an honor. I really enjoy being able to help people when they need it and do what I can to make my section better."

Ryan Nickel - Brass Captain
"Being a part of band has had a major impact on my high school experience. The family aspect and social unity it creates is something that's one of a kind. Being a student leader, especially as a junior, is demanding, but the reward from my hard work never lets me down."

Tristinn Davis - Drumline
"Sometimes, it's hard having to deal with all of the people and problems, but I like the fact that I'm the one they're looking up to."

Siobhan Dunn - Frontline
"Although I was a section leader my sophomore year, as well, it's different now that I'm a junior because people respect me more."

Aaliyah Smith - Color Guard
"Being a junior section leader is more difficult than I had imagined, but it's also very rewarding."

JUNIORS: *Taking The Lead*

Aden Euring
Hussein Farhan
Sven Findlay
Madolynn Finley
Uwimana Florence
Janet Flores-Hernandez
Angelina Fragogiannis

Kelsey Freeman
Morgan Freeman
Payton Fuller
Angel Garcia
Jasmin Garcia
Carl Garner
Tyler Garrison

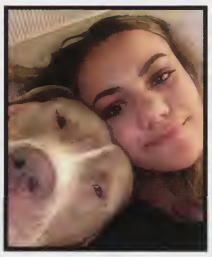
Lawerence Garza
Xavier Gasper
Annaca Gates
Jada Gay
Taj Gaylor
Shakira'a Gbenyo Nshimirimana
Geradina

Tiana Glaski
Tye Gordon
Magdalene Granja
Armani Greer
Hayley Grunewald
Andres Guerrero
Jesus Guerrero

Friends-Fur Ever

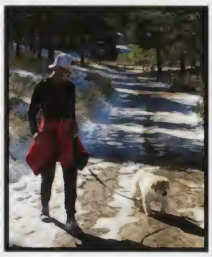
Alex Kern with Tucker

"Tucker loves to cuddle, but he does not realize that he is the size of a horse."



Isabella Wright with Moose

"I hate that he sits on my head, but I love that he just wants to be close to me."

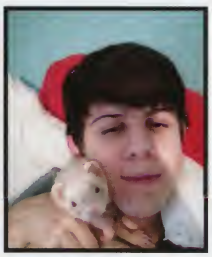


Logan Conner with Vito

"Vito doesn't realize that he is a big dog and not a small one."

Katherine Shewell with Billy

"Billy is really good at getting his dirty slobber all over my hoodies."



Alejandro Flores with Thor

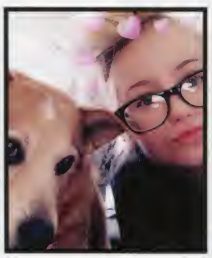
"I hate when she climbs in my bed, but she looks adorable, while doing it."

Haley Burroughs with Harley

"I hate it when he takes up the whole bed."

M. Callista Scott with Blue

"I like that she's really cuddly and small."

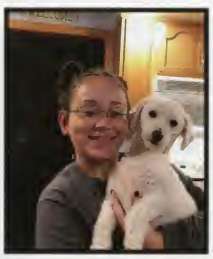


Paige Moore with Sydney

"I like how cuddly she can be."

Ethan Kirkpatrick with Lily

"I like that she acts exactly like a sister would act."

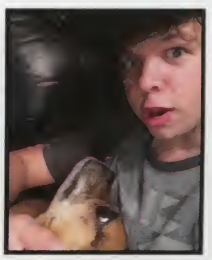


Shaila Christopher with Max

"He's a really good boy, and when I'm sad, he knows, and he makes me feel better."

Ella Spence with Sadie

"She always knows when I've had a bad day, and is just as crazy as I am."



Collin Killian with Indiana Jones

"I love him simply because he is a good boy."

Arrian Gunter
Solomon Gustafson
Victor Guzman
Jacob Hamburg
Jaquan Hankerson
Darian Harding
Tyler Harmon

Kylie Harrington
Kaleb Harrison
Liam Haskill
Jayla Hathorn
Say Hay
Tayelor Hemphill
Ashlynn Hensley-Gay

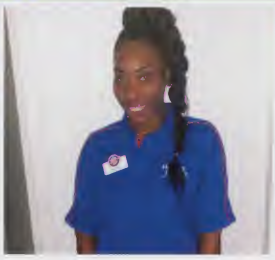
Flavio Hernandez-Rodriquez
Ja'Kye Hill
Jaime Hill
Jordyn Hinton
Montana Hogan
Nicole Hollon
Taurean Holtam

Ryan Holtan
Margaret Honeycutt
Izaya Hooks
Nadia Horice
Gabrialle Horton
Spencer House
Aaliyah Houston-Lyle

Juniors Juggling Jobs

Lily Mosher

has been at Buffalo Wild Wings for over three months. She is a cashier and a hostess. The hardest part about having a job in school, to her, is "waking up in the morning after a long night of work."



Jyasmeen Jones

is a sales associate at Hobby Lobby, and started her job in September of 2018. Her biggest struggle is "time management."

Jayvionna Jalloh

works as a cashier at Fazoli's. She has worked there since May of 2018. Her biggest struggle is "being tired after work, and having a lot of school work to do."

Madolynn Finley

started her job as a hostess and cashier at Buffalo Wild Wings in April of 2018. Her biggest struggle is "not having enough time for school work."

Julia Nash

has worked at Whitey's since March of 2018. Her biggest struggle is "not getting irritated."

Hannah Dale

has worked at Dunkin' Donuts since November of 2018. Her biggest struggle is "balancing work and school. It does get easier, though."

Shay Robinson

works at Friendship Manor as a dietary aid. She has been there since January 2019, but says the hardest part for her is "the struggle of work-school balance."

Ywa Hay Htoo
Crystal Hughes
Jayvionna Jalloh
Airana Johnson
Ashley Johnson
Jyasmeen Jones
Peyton Jones

Paulo Josefu
Butoyi Joselyne
Fabris Kasukulu
Danae Keegan
Marlon Kelley
Jaishon Kennedy
Alex Kern

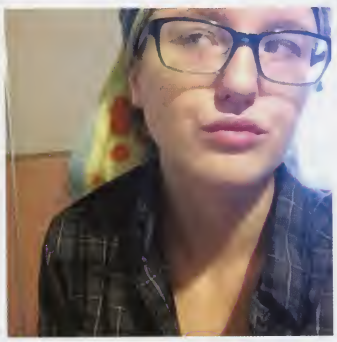
Malachi Key
Nu Khin
Evan Kidwell
Collin Killian
Elale Kimba
Jacob Kirby
Jeremiah Kirby

Ethan Kirkpatrick
Dalton Klundt
Kevin Kolls
Ethan Kopplin
Juliana Kruzic
Bryan LaGran
Tristan Lambert

Unpopular Opinions — *I just can't stand . . .*

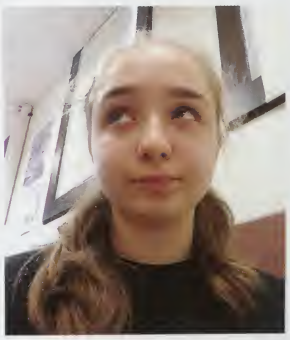
"Crocs: They are the ugliest, most uncomfortable shoes I have ever seen."
- Malachi Key

"Oranges: The smell and taste makes me gag and nauseated."
- Nicki Mital



"Peanut Butter: The taste is really disgusting, and the texture is also gross."
- JJ Willhite

"Current music: Give me early 2000's pop music any time."
- Emma Wahlmann



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Ariana Leeson
Emily LeVan
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Darquez Lovelady
Zachary Ludwig
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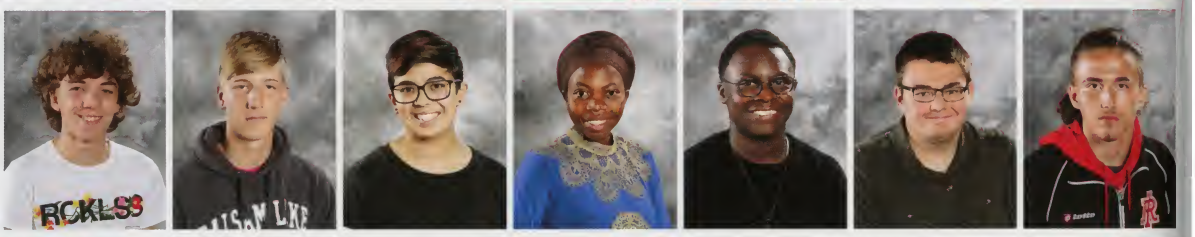

Kaitlyn Mandel
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Michael Manthe
Spencer Mar
Ellie Maranda
Briseidy Marin-Lopez
Karla Marquez Gutierrez

Dominic Martin
Zachary Martin
Daniela Martinez
Aminia Mashimango
Seth Mason-Pittman
Mantral McClary
Abigail McDonald

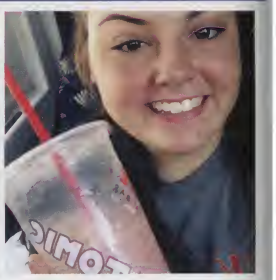
IS THE "BOMB"

"Apples to Apples with Blue Raspberry"
- Amelia Peña

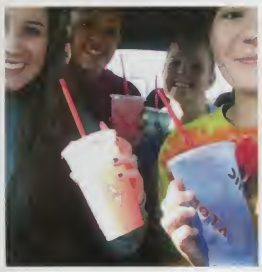
"Iced Caramel Fusion"
- Lauryn Dempsey

"Phoenix"
- Kristen Williams

"Gummy Bear"
- Yvette Perez-Gomez



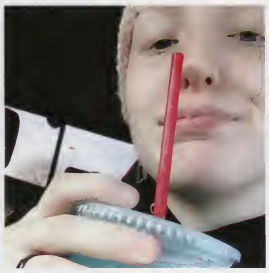
"Laffy Taffy"
- Ella Engholm



"Rainy Day with pineapple"
- Anna Rowell

"Rainy Day with Watermelon"
- Olivia Panegos

"Lava Lamp"
- Julia Nash



"Cotton Candy"
- Darian Harding

"Pool Party"
- Morgan Nesbitt

Andrew McDuffy
Ashley McGinnis
Isaiah McGowan
Brogan McMahon
Jesse McVey
Carlos Medina
Gustavo Medrano

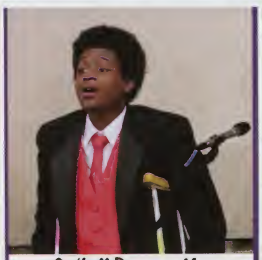
Austin Meirhaeghe
Rebekah Mencia
Ricardo Metcalf
Tristan Metzger
Brenden Mildren
Kibriyaa Millbrook
Jalen Miller

Nicole Mital
Isabel Mizlo
Vanessa Mojica
Hsar Moo
Grace Moore
Paige Moore
Isaiah Morrow

Natyla Morrow
Lily Mosher
Heather Motley
Eh Mu Mu
Paw Mu
Messiah
Muhammad-Ali
Austin Muller

JUNIORS TAKE THE STAGE

Juliana Rounds



Sja'Lell Downing-Mims

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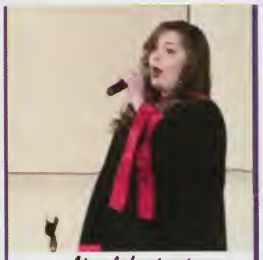
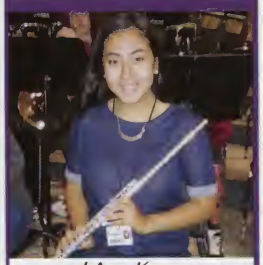


Abigale Lindquist

Bianca Brown & Alexa Carpenter

Hailey Reeds



Juliana Kruzic

Kevin Kolls, Danielle Clark, & Emily Granados

Karla Marquez

Phoenix Ulbrick

Daniel Mulongecha
Caresse Murphy
Leah Murphy
Raniese Muskeyvalley
Julia Nash
Leslie Navarrete
Jamal Nelson

Morgan Nesbitt
Ryan Nickel
Valeur Nkurikiyinka
MacKenzie Noppe
Ye Nwet
Elyse O'Brien
Lucas Owens-Faucett

Olivia Panegos
Armonni Parks
Tyler Parr
Eh Paw
Hser Paw
Lah Paw
Logan Pearce

Amelia Pena
Josie Pennington
Brayan Perez
Deago Perez
Maria Perez
Moiraann Perez
Oakland Perez

[WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT US] JUNIORS

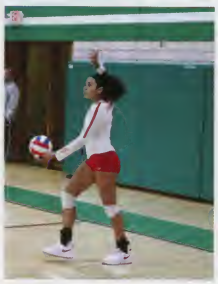
"I have been a football manager for the past 2 years."
- Payton Fuller

"I like to volunteer at Hope Creek Center with the elderly."
- Briseidy Marin-Lopez

"This past summer, I had my first dunk in my game."
- Taurean Holtam

"I hate anything mint flavored."
- Hannah Simmer

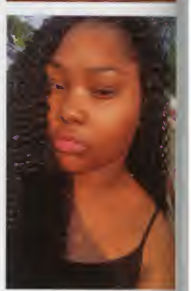
"When I was little, I had both of my front teeth knocked out."
- Raghen Walker



"I quit gymnastics to play basketball."
- Breona Williams

"I would like to live in Iceland when I get older."
- Natalie Anderson

"I enjoy writing poetry in my free time."
- Nicole King



Osvaldo Perez
Yvette Perez-Gomez
Louis Pike
Santana Pizano
Larissa Pothoven
Josiah Prunty
Makayla Quinones

Rafael Ramirez
Jayden Rea
Hailey Reeds
William Reyes
Natalie Rickels
Shay Robinson
Jazzmin Rochelle

Layla Rodriguez
Donovan Rogers
Natalia Rosales
Daniel Rosenthal
Kaleb Rossi
Juliana Rounds
Anna Rowell

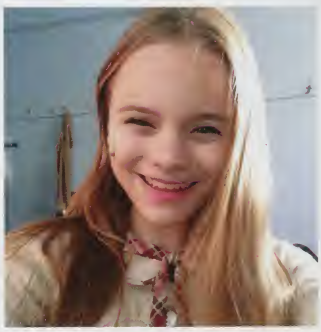
Brandon Ruby
Kailyn Sanders
Eh Lar Say
Hay Ro Say
Kmwe Say
Katarina Schultz
Adria Scott

LIFE *Beyond* THE HALLS

Sven Findlay plays hockey in his free time, outside of the school hours, for the Quad City Blues Midwest High School Hockey League. He started out figure skating at age 3, then at age 4, he started playing on the Quad City Ice Eagles Youth Team. On average, he puts in about 10 hours a week. Sven says, "I love playing hockey because I get to be physical against my opponents."

Bianca Brown attends annual conventions of Jehovah's Witness that strengthen her faith in God and the Bible. She has traveled to them around the area. She expresses her feelings towards it by saying, "I love how encouraged I feel when I am there, being able to see friends from far away, and make new ones, all while increasing my faith at the same time!"

Austin Muller goes fishing in his free time. He has been interested in the hobby for eight years. He mostly fishes for bass, the bigger the better! Typically, Austin fishes locally, especially at a private pond in Moline. His favorite thing about fishing, he said, is, "It is relaxing!"



Natalie Anderson is involved in Babes and Beaus, which is an acting agency in Chicago. She has been active in the program since kindergarten with her first professional audition. She loves it because "It is all about telling stories and expressing yourself. It is also really powerful to be able to tell someone else's story and bring characters to life."

Tereza Sefu
Hae Ni Sher
Katherine Shewell
Hannah Simmer
Elijah Simmons
Heaven Simpson
Gracie Sims

Aaliyah Smith
Benjamin Smith
Manirumva Sonia
Pamela
Uwamahoro Sophie
Perla Sosa
Shaneeya Soumare
Nathan Steinbeck

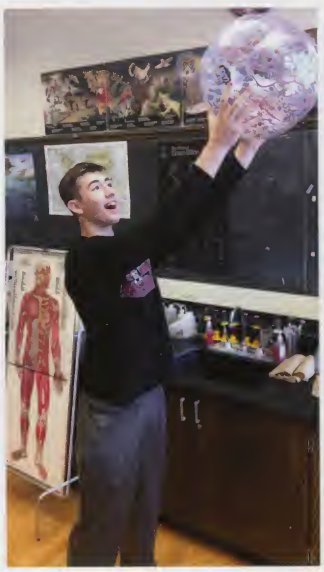
Matthew Stern
Alec Straw
Sabrina Strong
Blayne Suggs
Cody Swisher
Gracie Taber
Samuel Tauke

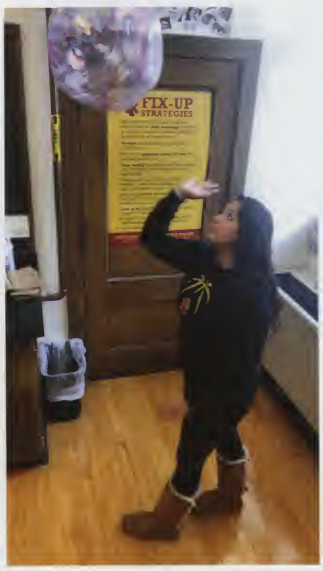
Lucas Thieme
Henry Thompson
NyOuntae
Thompson-Ford
Ashton Timm
Tyler Tipton
Bailey Tripilas
Myles Turner

TAPING UP JUNIOR YEAR

Solomon Gustafson 11

Athletic Training Student, Solomon Gustafson, gives us some insight as to why he chose to join the program. "I've always wanted to be an Athletic Trainer, and this opportunity was perfect to learn more about my future career," he stated. He goes on to say that his favorite activity is "taping because it is the most fun. You get to test your skills, and you get better each time." Solomon also thinks highly of the Trainer, Kyle Hoffman, and claims, "Kyle is a great mentor, and it is nice that he shows confidence in us to help him keep all of Rock Island's athletic teams healthy. I've learned a lot from him, and still have a lot more to learn."





Amelia Peña 11

Amelia Peña, another student in the Athletic Training Program, explains how this program is inspiring her and making her high school career more interesting. When asked what inspired her to join the program, she replied, "Getting all of the knowledge of the human body, and the hands on experience is what inspired me." Amelia continued to explain that this program has furthered her knowledge of the medical field. She says that her favorite activity she has learned to do is to "help everyone out with their rehab because I want to see everyone get better, and it is nice growing daily bonds with other student athletes in the school." She also has very high praise for the Athletic Trainer, Kyle Hoffman, and says, "Kyle is a great role model and mentor. He has a lot of knowledge and experience. He always wants us to learn and try things out. He also never fails to break everything down to be sure we are learning."

Phoenix Ullrick
Jayden Upton
Jaiden VanCoillie
Tony VanDeWalle
Libio Vargas
Zoe Veasey
Dreyko Veronie

Carson Verstraete
Mariah Vesey
Joseph Viernow
Gwendalyn Waggoner
Emma Wahlmann
Raghen Walker
Shae-Lynn Walker

Alijah Walker-Lee
Courtney Walton
Kaitlyn Welsh
Haley Westfall
Brandon Whittington
Emily Wilburn-Sanders
Kowen Wilhelm

Jeremiah Willhite
Breona Williams
Daymion Williams
Kristen Williams
Taliyah Williams
TyShawn Williams
Beau Williamson

GLOBAL LEADERS

Leaders from around the world

The vision of Global Leaders is to be a community of leaders who gives people hope. Their mission is to learn, help, and lead. Their core values are to make people feel welcome without judgment, to appreciate others' uniqueness, to be proud of who they are, and to inspire younger leaders by setting a good example. "It is the group of people who helps and teaches others the way to help others," members of the club explain.

Below Right: Back Row L-R: Mohamed Abdalla, Willy Niyonzima, Huda Abdulmunem, Mieaad Abdalla, Christopher Bisubeho, Alfa Sehinda, and Enock Sehinda.
Front Row L-R: Nyota Wilondja, Tosha Wilondja
Not Pictured: Fabris Kaskulu, Diane Pilipili, Eh Ler Shee, Nu Nu Khin, Fatuma Louise, Misa, Kisubi Wilondja, Ruaa Abdulmunem, Paw Gay, Hay Ro Htoo, Hay Ro Say, Nyain Htoo.

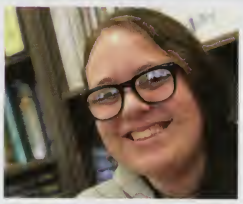
Kisubi Wilondja
Tosha Wilondja
Davion Wilson
Dylan Winstead
Amber Worthman
Isabella Wright
Vantasia Wright

Jacob Wyers
Eh Yee
Sergio Zepeda
Manual Zetina
Weiwei-Leo Zheng

Like Living in a Movie

"Hogwarts because it would give me the ability to practice magic."
- Aaliyah Smith

"Riverdale because of the tea."
- Savannah Debus



"High School Musical because it seems cool."
- Hayley Grunewald

"High School Musical because I would enjoy singing with them."
- Henry Thompson

"Bayside High School from *Saved by the Bell* because they had a cool teacher and everybody likes the classic shows."
- Ashton Timm

"I would want to go to East High School from High School Musical. Go Wildcats!"
- Zoe Veasey

"Hogwarts because I have always loved Harry Potter and magic."
- Nicole Mital

"Bel Air High School becausee it's cool, and I like Will Smith."
- Jada Gay

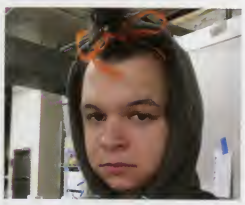
"The high school in *Clueless* because I like their styles."
- Hannah Drish

"It would be the high school from *A Cinderella Story* because of the dances and Austin Ames."
- Darian Harding

"The high school in *Grease* because they are always having fun and singing their way through school."
- Lauryn Dempsey

"The high school in *To All the Boys I Loved Before* because Noah Centineo."
- Marice Dodd

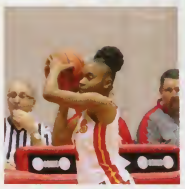
"North Shore High School because *Mean Girls* is my favorite movie, and I personally relate to Regina George."
- JJ Willhite



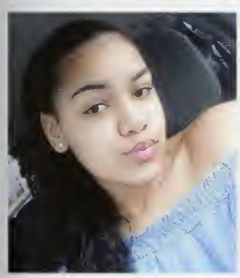
"Shermer High School from *The Breakfast Club* because I would want to intentionally get detention."
- Collin Killian

"Riverdale High because it seems like a lot goes on, and they seem to have fun between all of the drama that happens in the town."
- Emma Wahlmann

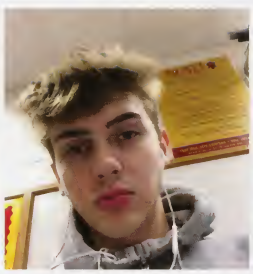
JUNIOR ATHLETES



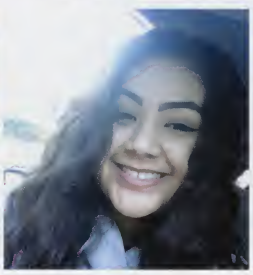
Our Happy Holiday



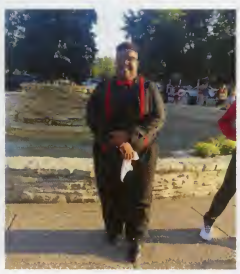
Mckenzie Brandt
"My favorite holiday is Christmas because it's the time of year when everyone comes together and celebrates, and it's a time to be thankful."



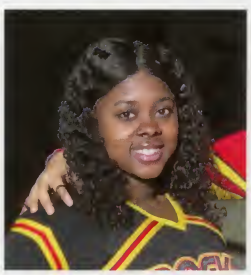
Jonathan Anglese
"My favorite holiday is Christmas because I get to spend time with all of my family, open gifts, and eat some really good food."



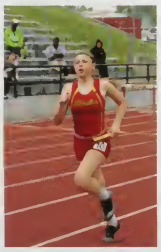
Ximena Avalos
"My favorite holiday would be Thanksgiving because I always go out of town each year to see my family."

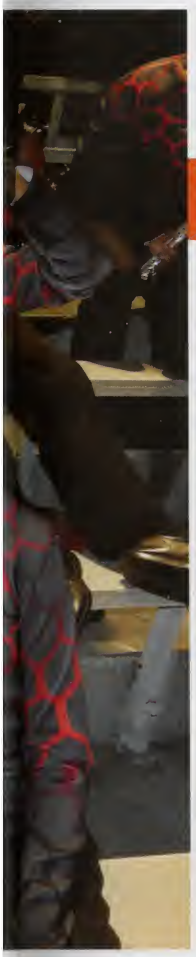


Kerry Thomas
"My favorite holiday would probably be Easter because it's a great time, and I get to be with all of my family."



Adria Scott
"My favorite holiday is Christmas because I love the month of December. It's beautiful, and I like the colder weather."





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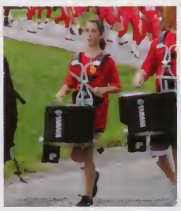

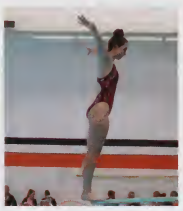

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Yuliana Aguilera
Griselda Aguirre
Murad Ahmed
Terrell Akers
Miguel Alba

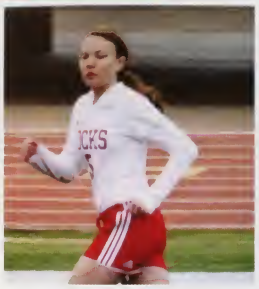
Natella Alieva
Niyomukiza Alistide
Breanna Allen
Ysabella Almanza
Alayna Amidon
Jaerica Anderson
Raymond Anderson

Francisco Andrade
Kameron Andrews
Juan Arreguin
Tabitha Ashpaugh
Elembwe Asungi
Migambi Athanas
Kairee Atwater

Joseph Auston
Mario Balandran
Calvin Banks
Emiliano Barrera
Trevor Beckman
Lainey Benson
Cameron Bergheger

SOPHOMORES SUIT UP FOR VARSITY

"Being a sophomore on the Varsity squad means I need to push myself even more. I've loved the game for as long as I can remember, and to make Varsity two years in a row doesn't mean I can stop pushing to be better."
- Ben Samuelson



"Being on Varsity means a lot. It makes me work harder, and it's fun playing with older girls."
- Alyssa Groothaert

"The most exciting part was just being on Varsity, and I felt accomplished. Now, the most exciting thing is the brotherhood."
- Tommy Smith

"It is a big step from playing JV. It is a lot more serious, and I learn a lot from the upperclassmen!"
- Trevor Beckman

"It's exciting to be on Varsity! Knowing that I've worked hard enough to be pulled up is a proud moment for me, and it only makes me want to work even harder."
- Alivia Wright

Karolina Bergheger
Aubry Berry
Silas Best
Samuel Bishop
Haley Blair
Eleanor Blew
Isaac Boswell

Logan Boyle
Tyler Bragg
Logan Braun
Jaylen Breackenridge
Michael Brooke
Calvin Brown
Emily Brown

Jaylen Brozovich
Itangishatse Bujeni
Jamere Burrage
Emily Bush
Zariah Cade
Ashlynn Canfield
Keegan Carnahan

Makenna Carothers
JaRaya Carr
Eduardo Carrillo
Antoine Carruthers
Payton Cassidy
Cesar Castaneda
Horacio Castaneda

SPINNING THINGS AROUND FOR THE SECOND TIME

Isabel Drisk

"I love guard because it makes me happy, and gives me something to do. It's something that interests me a lot."

Alesia Nunez

"I love guard because it's the one place where I can have a real family and friends who won't turn on me. It is also really fun and calming. I'll always keep coming back because you guys will always be my family."

Jordan Castillo
Jamarion Catchings
Selena Caudillo
Carlos Cervantes
Yesaya Chan
Maura Chandler
Xavier Chandler

Adam Chaney
Rosanna Cisneros
LaMiracle Clay
Hannah Close
Carson Conger
Ashlee Conner
D'Leyah Conner

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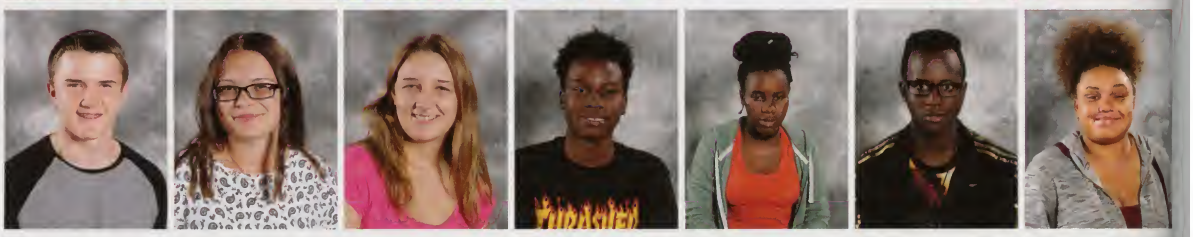
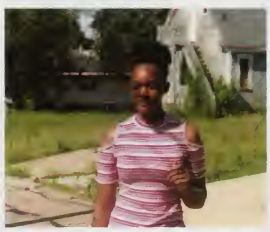


Jafet Cruz
Ty Culver
Elizabeth Cupp
Austin Dahlgren
Tatiana DeAnda
Cassidy DeMeyer
Mason Detert

Sophomore Necessities

"A pick."
- Neema Manasse



"My family. I'm always with them, and they mean everything to me."
- Nicholas Yates

"My friends."
- Kyle Waggoner

"My heart."
- Tamyra Warren

"Friends and family."
- Emma Ingram

Brayden Diaz
Elaina Dill
Mason Dillard
Leticia Dominguez
Avery Donaldson
Kiley Douglas
Asha Doukoure

Isabel Drish
Colby Dyer
Neema Ebalo
Sylvester Eddings
Hailey Elerick
Jace Elerick
Evan Elliott

Riley Ellis
Marissa Ethington-Hart
Renee Farmer
Brooklynn Farrance
Joseph Ferguson
Mason Finch
Austin Fisher

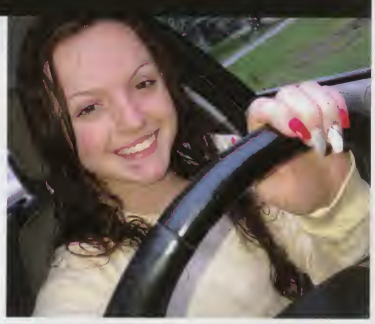
Jacob Fleuter
Vanessa Flores
Niyogushima Florette
Marai Frometa
Natalia Gabriel
Kyle Gant
Alexis Ganzer

ROCKS TAKE THE ROAD

"Getting my license means freedom to me- freedom pretty much to go where I want, when I want, and the ability to go get food when, normally, no one else could take me, or to games and friends' houses without ever stressing to find a ride."
- Tommy Smith

"To know that I can go out on my own, it feels great. It means I'll have freedom and be able to make my own decisions."
- Colton Sigel

"I'm so excited! I can't wait to have my own freedom, and go on my own time, anywhere I want!"
- Emily Pearson



"I feel normal about getting my license. I'll get to do things on my time, and not have to worry about being rushed by anyone. Also, I like knowing I'll get to hang with my friends more and do things whenever I want."
- Ravon Johnson Taylor

Deven Garcia
Donovan Garro
Paw Gay
Demetrius Gilkey
Victoria Gillen
Noe Gonzalez
Albany Gray

Cienna Gray
Pharoah Gray
Jalie Green
India Greer
Alyssa Groothaert
Meeya Guerrero
Joshua Guy

Ihubok Habona
Jacksen Hansen
Julian Harris
Quinn Harty
Carenn Hayes
DaViona Hearn
Tia Hearn

Charly Heber-Spates
Mason Hedburg
Kyle Hendricks
Emily Hernandez
Alex Hill Bennett
Ethan Hinds
Delaney Hoing

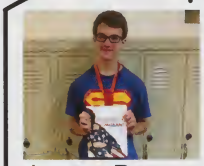
Sophomores Take on AP

Addison Price

"Jumping right into an AP class was a shock, but I enjoy the given work."

Emily Hernandez

"It is challenging because it requires more work than honors, but it is worth it."

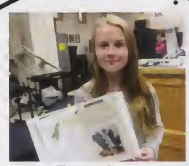


Logan Braun

"It is difficult, but has helped me with my studying, organizational skills, and staying on task."

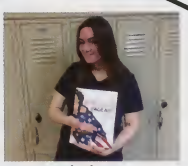
Calvin Banks

"It's difficult, but a good challenge to see what college classes will be like."



Brooke Farrance

"It is challenging because I'm not used to the work, but it will help me in college."



Jaime Swisher

"It prepares me for college, especially with studying and scheduling skills."

Valerie Holland
Corbin Hollars
Ashondria Holmes
Addison Holub
Malik Horne
Bernard Howard
Reese Hoyer

Spae Htway
Austyn Hulsey
Ian Hussey
Juan Pablo Ibarra
Miranda Igo
Emma Ingram
Rachelle Iradukunda

Leon Isaac
Armani Jack-Hall
Precious Jackson
Jesse Jenkins
Kaiden Jenkins
Jaydrien Jennings-Bailey
Daniel Johnson

JaQuez Johnson
Kyah Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Raven Johnson
Ravon Johnson. Taylor
Destani Jones
Julius Jones

Buckle Up, Rocky Parents

"My mom is a really bad driver, and I hated driving with her. After I passed Driver's Ed, I drove with her for the first time, and she was like, 'Wow, Allyson! You drive like me!' And, I was like, 'Oh, no.'"

- Allyson Smithson

"My mom said, 'OMG!!! I'm so scared!'"

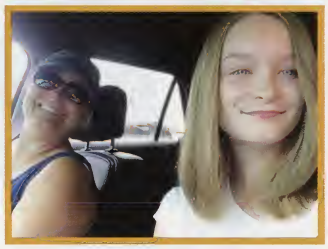
- Avery Donaldson

"It was the most scary, fun thing I ever did."

- Tommy Smith

"Gave my mom 10 heart attacks, many more to go!'"

- Mason Love



"Along with the constant gripping of the 'oh-my-gosh-we're-gonna-crash' bar, it's a lot of repetition, including 'Stop, stop, stop, stop!'"

- Emma Widick

Sophomore year means getting your permit, practicing driving, and getting your driver's license! This also means getting a lot of driving practice in with parents and family members, while these sophomore Rocks learn the rules of the road!

MaKayla Jones
Tiara Jones
Ugeziwe Joseph
Suhair Juma
Irambona Jusele
Alex Kaalberg
Aisley Kask

Madison Keever
Isaiah Kerr
Andrew Kibling
Chloe Killian
Terrionce Kitchen
Jonathan Knuth
Hser Kpaw

Chayanna Kraus
Ean Kress
Paw Krin
Victoria LaMay
Brooklynn Larson
Jaiden Latcham
Nay Lay

Darany Ledesma
Sher Lei
December Lewis
Kerrigan Lewis
Manuel Limon
JaMaie Lindsey
Justice Lockhart

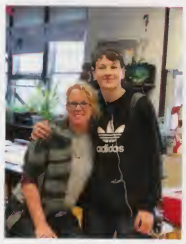
SOPHOMORE TEACHERS MAKE AN IMPACT

Juan Pablo Ibarra & Madame B

"Madame B is my favorite teacher because she is always trying to help people, and is so nice to everyone."

Logan Boyle & Mrs. Anderson

"She is my favorite teacher because I like the way she teaches."



Johnnie Teague & Mr. Williams

"Mr. Williams has never actually been my teacher, but has been a team player in the school and on the track. He has held high standards as a coach and as a teacher, and is an influential role model by being a better person."

Andrea Rangel & Mrs. Vroman

"She makes learning about chemistry enjoyable. She explains her lessons really well, and I love her style of teaching! She is also very funny and kind. Her classroom is my favorite to be in."

Emma Long & Mr. Trenary

"He is my favorite teacher because he has helped me a lot through APUSH, and is overall, a great guy."

Valerie Holland & Mrs. Benson

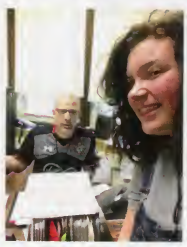
"She is my favorite teacher because she is an amazing Orchestra teacher, and not only is she passionate about Orchestra, but passionate about being a teacher, as well. She is an inspiring person, who has helped me in and out of the classroom."

Jordan Rice & Mrs. Ramirez

"Mrs. Ramirez is my favorite teacher because she treats everybody with the same type of respect. She always makes sure I am doing what I am supposed to do, and when I am having a bad day, she knows how to turn it around."

Avery Donaldson, Mrs. Randolph & Mr. Dreiling

"These two teachers are my favorites because they have a fun and unique way of interacting with their students, while making sure they understand the unit we are learning, at the same time."



Dominic Saucedo-Serra & Mrs. Ramirez

"She is a really fun teacher to be around and tell jokes with."

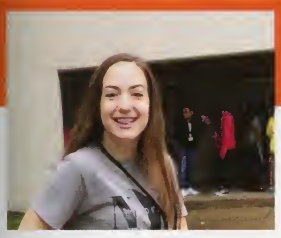
Maung Loe
Mimembe Lolonga
Clevon Long
Emma Long
Gavin Long
Rachel Loomis
Jennifer Lopez

Jonathan Lopez Perez
Mason Love
JaQuon Lue
Dylan MacDonald
Neema Manasse
Janvier Maniragaba
David Marceleno

Kadin Marshall
Asia Matthews-Miller
Abigail May
Jasmine McAfee
Logan McCarthy
Breanne McCarty
Deja McCray

Ajayi McIntyre
Ella McKinley
Marte' McKinney
Roberto Mendez
Juan Mendoza-Perez
Romeo Metcalf
Eric Michaels

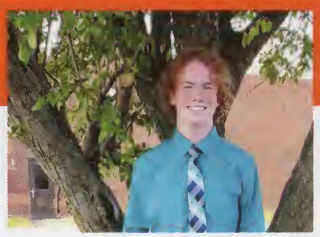
Life off of 3RD FLOOR



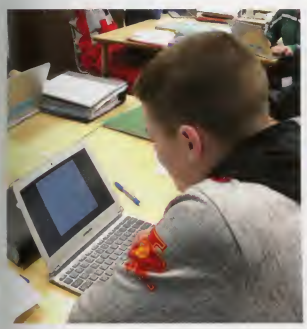
Ella McKinley
"It feels good to finally be off of third floor. I'm starting to feel more comfortable at Rocky, and more involved in school activities now."

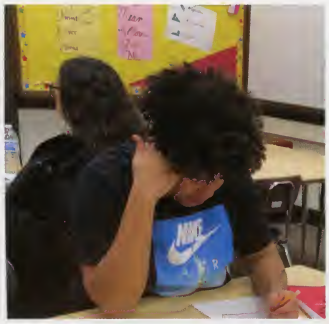
Lainey Benson
"The class work is harder, but people start to respect you, and take you more seriously."

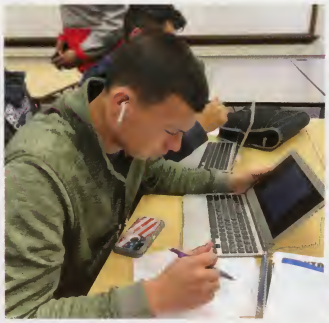
JaQuez Johnson
"It feels refreshing not being the youngest in the school anymore. It's like we get a new start, and can be more involved in things."



Gabe Nightingale
"It's different and hard, but we all learn to adapt to new things."







Jazmyn Miles
Alex Minani
Eh Doh Moo
Hser Moo
Ta Moo
Diego Moreno
Amure' Murphy

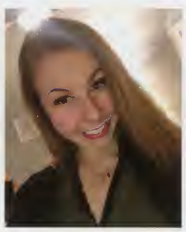
Michael Nadeau
Devonte Nathan-Prince
Jordan Neaveill
Quinton Nettles
Bell New
Gabriel Nightingale
Willy Niyonzima

Lyric Nolin
Alesia Nunez
Olufemi Ojelade
Tiffany O'Leary
Macy O'Mary
Aliyah Overton
Brandon Pannebaker

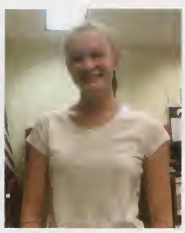
Lily Paw
Emily Pearson
Jani Pennington
Ariana Perez
Arrika Perkins
Roverto Pizano-Alba
Todd Poe

WE DON'T WANT TO GROW UP

"My favorite childhood toy is a Barbie."
- Kiley Douglas



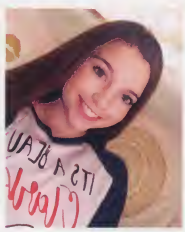
"A Blues Clues stuffed animal."
- Ella Spence



"It was a floppy little doll with a pink dress and brown hair. My mom had gotten her for me before I was born, and it stayed with me wherever I went. Long story short, she had a rough life."
- Emma Widick

"I had a doll house that I would come home and play with every day. It was really cool and I loved it."
- Hannah Close

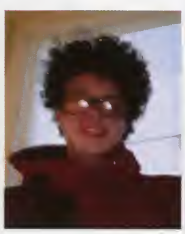
"My teddy bear named Maria."
- Demario Rankin



"My American Girl doll was my favorite thing to have. I had one that looked just like me and had some matching outfits."
- Maura Chandler

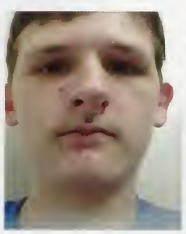
"It was a Barbie doll!"
- Olivia Rice

"My favorite childhood toy would have to be Game Boys or Nintendo DS."
- Emily Pearson



"Yo yos were pretty cool."
- Kyle Waggoner

"Any sticks and rocks I found in my backyard!"
- Nevaeh Sedlak



"Trains, that's pretty much the only thing I played with when I was really young."
- Ethan Hinds

"This little Barbie doll house I played with all the time."
- Isabel Drish

"My favorite toy was probably my Barbies."
- Eleanor Blew

"My favorite childhood game was probably Chutes and Ladders."
- Tommy Smith

[SOPHOMORES TALK ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD TOYS

Jared Prather
Addison Price
Amarah Priddy
TaNyha Pugh-Nimmers
Izabel Rade
Lizbeth Ramirez
Andrea Rangel

Demario Rankin
Abbigale Rasmussen
Har Ju Ree
Noah Rettig
Jordan Rice
Olivia Rice
Madysen Richardson

Zaide Rivera
Michael Roelens
Kaylea Roessler
Marriyon Rogers
Spiret Rogers
Kayla Rohr
Haylie Roos

Jazmin Ross
Mbonigaba Rugagaza
Carlos Ruiz
Terrance Russell
Kaba Sakho
Natalia Salazar
Benjamin Samuelson

BARKING to a VICTORY

NOW &

Then

Hannah Close shows dogs in her free time. She started showing when she was three years old. She said, "My grandma and my mom inspired me to start showing." She started with the help of her mom and grandma, and began to fall in love with the hobby. Ever since she was three, she said, "I have done a lot of shows. I can't tell you how many, but I do at least four a year." She has traveled as far as Indiana to show breeds like Parson Russel Terrior, Papillion, Sussex, American Stanforshire Terrior, and many more! Hannah has won many awards, from taking first best in show to best junior handler. She stated, "I've been working harder to get first in my senior showmanship class." She looks forward to continuing her hobby throughout high school!

Johny San
Dominic Sanchez
Alisia Sarver
Dominic Saucedo-Serra
Paw Say
Say Say
Darian Schavers

Emma Scott
Audrey Seams
Nevaeh Sedlak
Miguel Serna
Kelvin Shears
Ni Hae Ler Tha Shee
Genevieve Sheriff

Phillip Shrake
Samson Shukuru
Nora Sierra
Colton Sigel
Perry Slater
Hailey Smith
Kristina Smith

Tommy Smith
Allyson Smithson
Madeline Smutzer
Caitlin Sodeman
Hae Ku Soe
Nay Moo Soe
Thein Soe

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

"It was a dream I never expected to come true. My first year was intense, but it made me feel capable in my abilities. It has been such a privilege to be a part of this group. It gives a great sense of pride and family."
Itangishatse Bujeni, Chamber Choir

"The audition music looked very hard, but I believed in myself and I kept practicing for the audition. I was so happy that I actually made it because it is the top band in the district."
Ella McKinley, Symphonic Band

"I was scared to audition and even messed up, but I made it and I made 3rd chair! It made me feel validated, and musicians need that."
Marte McKinney, Symphonic Band

"Chamber has been a lot of fun, but you have to keep up with everything it throws at you, while doing the things you normally do. It pushes me to do better and have a stronger connection with good people here at Rocky."
Charly Heber-Spates, Chamber Choir

Wah Eh Soe
James Sparks
Ella Spence
Ethan Sprague
Alexya Stephens
Sarah Stevanovic
Carter Stone

Malenga Sumaili
Devin Swift
Jaime Swisher
Trenton Syler
Mariyam Talybova
Taw Taw
Thomas Taylor

Johnnie Teague
Erin Teggatz
Ashley Testa
Eh Tha
Siang Thang
Hay Law Lar Thaw
Min Thaw

Adriel Thomas
Victoria Thomas
Abagail Thrap
Kewan Tillman
Shamarr Tolbert
Jayden Toliver
Maria Valverde

MUSICAL MANIA

Stephen Villarreal
Jacob Voigt
Kyle Waggoner
Paw Wah
Paw Set Wah
Mackenzie Walker-Lee
Dominic Wallerich

James Walls
Ani Walrath
Rachel Wangler
Serah Waqa
Tamyra Warren
KeMajeair Washington Lemon
Remonea Watson

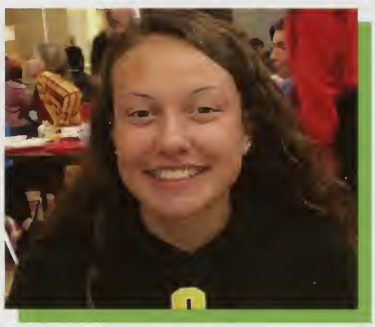
Lavonti Wells
Taurean White
Nakiya Whitehurst
Paige Whitmire
Emma Widick
Charles Williams
Dystn Williams

Aaron Willis
Nyota Wilondja
San Da Win
Jamyah Winter
Jaydn Winter
Courtney Wixom
Alyssa Wood

Sophomore StuCo Leaders

Natalia Gabriel
"I look forward to helping out more in student led activities, and seeing if we can make a difference. I like helping to lead discussions in StuCo."

Serah Waqa
"Being a leader is a big responsibility, and being one as a sophomore is great practice. Looking up to seniors and learning their leadership skills is fun."



Alyssa Groothaert
"Being a sophomore leader is something I'm proud of, and in the future, I look forward to helping with anything I can to better the school."

Darrell Woodson
Alivia Wright
Shay Wright
Logan Wyers
Nicholas Yates
Ahishakiye Yvette
Blake Zahner

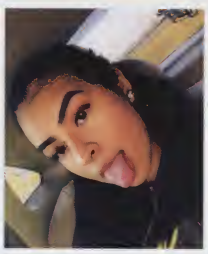
Adolphine Zawadi
Christian Zepeda
Richard Zeroth

Rise and Shine

What time do you wake up on a school day?

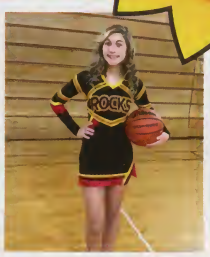
Marriyon Rogers
"6:30 am"

Andrea Rangel
"6:45 am"



Leticia Dominguez
"6:50 am"

Jesse Jenkins
"7:00 am"



Madison Keever
"6:10 am"

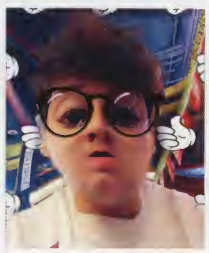
Quinn Harty
"7:10 am"

Ravon Taylor
"5:40 am"

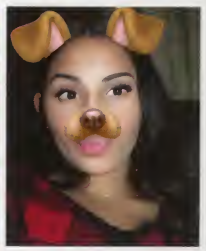
Maura Chandler
"6:45 am"

Colton Sigel
"6:00 am"

Jacob Voigt
"7:00 am"



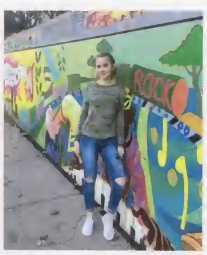
Tommy Smith
"6:45 am"



Serah Waqa
"6:40 am"

Alyssa Groothaert
"6:30 am"

Devin Swift
"7:45 am"



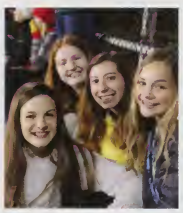
Brooklynn Farrance
"6:30 am"

Isaiah Kerr
"6:00 am"

DaViona Hearn
"6:00 am"

Spiret Rogers
"6:30 am"

FRESHMAN YEAR



Mohamed Abdalla
Hawa Abdould-Kadri
Benjamin Abell
Grace Adams
Elizabeth Aguilar
Eliza Aleman
Shayla Allen

Jason Allgood
Emily Allison
Isabella Allison
Rodrigo Alvarado
Maria Amezola
Marieon Anderson
Colten Anderson-Bradley

Ariana Anguiano
Colton Anthony
Oscar Antu
Gavin Arp
Marco Arredondo Lopez
Jason Arroyo Vasquez Jr.
Javion Auston

Alexa Avalos
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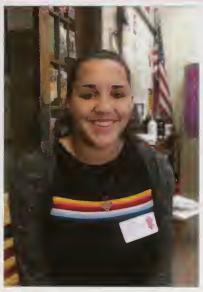
FRESHMEN FAVORITE TEACHERS



Kilaya Campbell

"My favorite teacher is Mrs. Stribling because she is nice and funny. She also has the best class, and she is teaching me about health care."

Owen Skinner

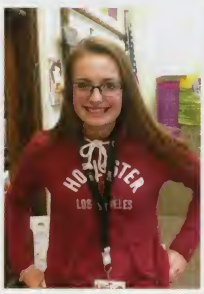
"I love band and having Mr. Carlin because he makes every class enjoyable."

Victor Duarte

"Mrs. Grayson because she's good at math, and I love to do math."

Elizabeth Hamilton

"Mrs. Trimble and Mrs. Benson are my favorite teachers because both are amazing, funny, and they make learning fun!"



Hanna Hultgren

"My favorite teacher is Senora Ramirez. She's my Spanish teacher, and I can always come to her for any problem- school, home, anything. She's always there, so thank you, Senora!"

Briar Singleton

"My favorite teacher is Mr Taylor because she listens what we kids have to say while also getting her point across."

Edwin Beltran
Nyambanguka Benise
Ysabell Benton
Aoci Bernard
Xavier Avian Berry
Kyle Bisby
Tyler Black

Abraham Blanco
Elian Blanco
Alanna Blasko
Elijah Boeye
Ivan Boone
Amiee Borchardt
Dameon Borders

Olivia Bowman
Charlotte Boyer
Avery Brandt
Jeramiah Brandt
Joshua Briggs
Mackenzie Brokaw
Sarrah Brown

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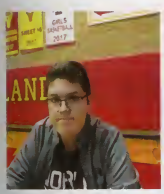
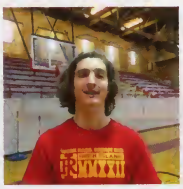
Xavier Canada

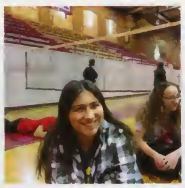
FRESHMEN GET INVOLVED @ THE ROCK



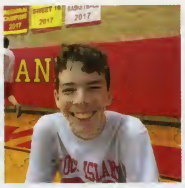
"Sports."
Aaron York, 9



"Football season because I got to know people."
Colten Anderson-Bradley, 9

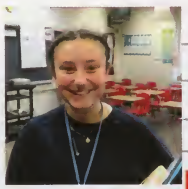


"Art Club because I made a new friend and I got to work on a mural."
Rebecca Freiburg, 9

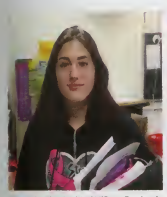


"Being involved in gym."
Kyle Bisby, 9

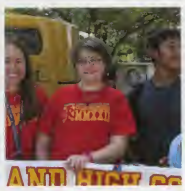
"Drama Club because everybody's so nice there."
Layla Eygabroad , 9



"Bowling because I got to make new friends."
Carli Gordon, 9

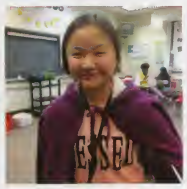


"I am involved with AVID at Rocky. I love this program because they take us on field trips to colleges that we choose, so we can see the options that we have in the future."
Taleah Gray, 9



"EAC was planting acorns with Living Lands and Waters and I love the club. We go on more than one trip."
Alanna Blasko, 9

"Swimming was really a great experience. I met new people that were great."
Maria Amezola, 9



"I am involved with AVID and I like this program because it helps me to be a better student."
Ywa Hay Paw, 9

"I was involved with XC at the beginning of the year. XC is a challenging sport and is also very fun. About 20-30 people played this year on the boys team, and were great at it."
Luke VanDeWalle, 9

"Student Council because we got donuts for breakfast."
Trichelle Gay, 9

Kelly Canning
Tatiana Carapia
Austin Carlson
Guinevere Carr
Caden Carroll
McKenzie Casselman
Anahi Castaneda

Donavin Caston
Consuela Chapman
Madison Chastain
Virginia Clay
Jamarri Coleman
Brittney Colvin
Nevaeh Counts-Jones

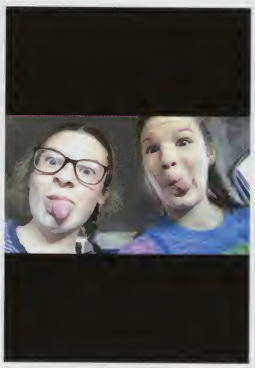
Ava Coussens
Cohen Crawford
Mariyah Crawford
Zaria Crider
Kenzie Crimmins
Kaniya Davis
Milan Davis

Tyler Davis
Mallory Day
Steven Dean
Drew DeMarlie
Zachary DeMarlie
Zabrian Dillin
Lisa Dominguez

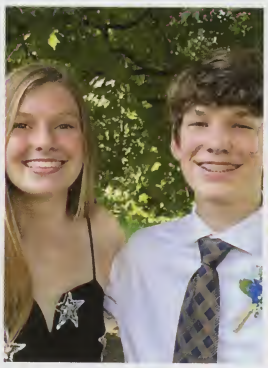
A FRESHMAN FAMILY CONNECTION

Andrew and Madelynn Polito
"It's really fun having someone to keep me in the loop of things. He's shown me the the fun parts of high school."
- Madelynn Polito

Kayla and Kelly Canning
"It's fun having a senior sibling to go to the games with and early-morning activities, and I'll know she'll always help me if I need it."
- Kelly Canning



McKenna and Madison Chastain
"Having a senior sibling is fun and helpful because I can ask her anything. I can also experience fun activities with her like FNL and Homecoming."
- Madison Chastain



Maddie and Pearce Lelonek
"Having a senior sibling is cool because I can make friends from all grades and do cool stuff that I wouldn't be able to do as the oldest child."
- Pearce Lelonek

Mackenzie and Hunter Melody
"Having a senior sibling means getting to learn all the secrets at Rocky, a.k.a she tells me all the tea."
- Hunter Melody

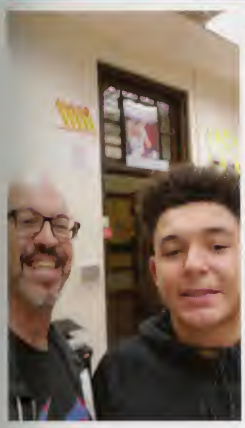
Iradukunda Dorine
Colton Dorr
Antwony Doss
Adolphina Ebubu
Kairi Ehlers
Madalyn Elliott
Irakoze Emery

Ian Empen
Cassandra Engels
Layla Eygabroad
Aden Farrell
Aleric Feighner
Georgi Feigley
Madelyn Fentress

Rebecca Ferguson
Dylan Ferrel
Amethyst Fidoe
Jaiden Fields
Luis Flores
Tiara Forrest
Crystal
Fragogiannis

Andrew Freeman
Paige Frees
Rebecca Freiburg
Michael Fuentes
Phoebe Fuller
Jasmine Garduno
Fredrick Gay

FAMILY IN THE FACULTY



Mr. Campbell and Anthony Campbell

"He has tried to let me figure things out for myself and ask for help when needed."

Mrs. Stribling and Jacob Stribling

"She has given me tips about things like where stuff is. She also helps me because she is always checking my grades."

Mr. Melody and Hunter Melody

"It has made it easy to relate to some older kids because they know my dad."

Omareon Gay
Samara Gay
Trichelle Gay
Xander George
Emmanuel Goeh
Maria Gonzalez
Noeli Gonzalez

Carli Gordon
Edgar Grandberry
Logan Grandstaff
Taleah Gray
Connor Green
Elena Green
Grace Gustafson

Karina Guzman
Mykia Hagan
Tyler Halligan
Elizabeth Hamilton
LaTyrianna Hamilton
Shamya Hampton
Tyler Hansen

Savannah Harding
DeVonne Harris
Tashia Harrison-Rasor
Ashlie Heggen
Marchello Henderson
Shelby Henderson
Mauricio Hernandez

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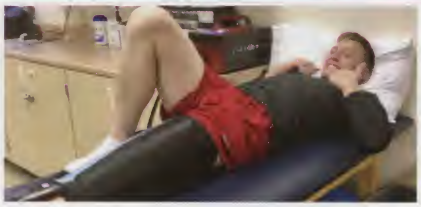
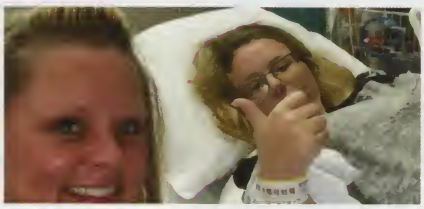
Damian Hobert
Isaiah Horice
Talayiah Horice

COMEBACK SZN



Elijah Boeye

Elijah explains what happened during a Freshman Football game that majorly impacted his life. "I tore my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament), meniscus, and had major bone contusion," he explained. When Elijah was asked how he felt about the injury, he responded, "I felt upset because I knew I was going to miss my freshman high school baseball season and that was something I've been looking forward to for a long time." Eli explains his road to recovery, stating, "I had to have surgery on my knee, and now have intense therapy twice a week, and do many exercises at home."



Layla Mahmutovic

A fun day at the trampoline park turned into a bad day in the hospital for Layla. "I broke my tibia and fibula." At the time of the injury, Layla's thoughts were, "I was really scared. I didn't know what I did to my ankle, but I knew it hurt really bad. I was hurt to know that I wouldn't be able to do any of the activities that I wanted to do." Her road to recovery is long and painful. She stated, "After I had surgery on the first day of school, I was in a cast for 2 months, and now I'm finally in a walking boot. I'm doing physical therapy, and hoping to be fully recovered by Christmas."

Brigitte Pendeza

Brigitte says, "I was at Elevate, the trampoline park, trying to dunk, but me being 4"11, didn't really help and I sprained my ankle." When Brigitte was first injured, her initial thoughts were, "I remember not being able to put any weight on my foot at all. I was really scared because I had already sprained that same ankle 3 months prior." She explains her struggle, stating, "Walking around with crutches at school was really hard for me, so I ended up giving up, and just dragged my crutches along with me." To recover, Brigitte said, "The doctors made me go to some place so that they could give me ideas on how to exercise it."

Adain Hoss
Brianna Hoss
Austin Hoteling
Tayven Householder
Eh Lawla Htoo
Hay Ro Htoo
Nyain Htoo

Tuesday Htoo
Hanna Hultgren
Careem Hunter
Kylee Hunter
Francisca Ibarra
Aime Iranyibutse
Aaliyah Jackson

Breanna Jackson
Tyana Jackson
Jeniffer Jaramillo
Drew Jarding
Christian Johnson
Darionna Johnson
Dylan Johnson

Freddie Johnson
Olivia Johnson
Tongil Kalomba
Kezimana Karine
Zachary Karn
Campbell Kelley
Marielle Kelley

Jerzee Kernan
Uda Kimba
Rebecca Kirzeder
Jacob Kitterman
Melyni Knott
Farrah Kraklow
Mackenzie Kreger

FRESHMEN TAKE THE STANDS

MADDIE POLITO

"It is super fun to be there with all my friends, supporting the football players. I feel like I am a part of the Rock Island pride!"

LEXI THOMPSON

"It is pretty fun, as a freshman, hanging out with the upperclassmen, cheering on our school, as we win."

EMILY ALLISION

"Being in the student section feels fun and exciting because we are with people from all different grades, getting hyped."

MADISON CHASTAIN

"You actually get to see the school spirit come out in everyone! Everyone is cheering and having a good time!"

Nathan Krug
Devin Krup
Eh Ku
Owen Kump
Dylin Laktas
Logan Lambrecht
Ana Lampert

Nsengiyumva Landry
Calvin Larson
Mereweneza-Patrick Lavie
Peh Lay
Mawazo Laycee
Pearce Lelonek
Sofia Leone

Kole Littlejohn
Gabriella Lloyd
Grace Lloyd
Alianna Locascio
Jacob Long
Isabella Lopez
Monserrat Lopez

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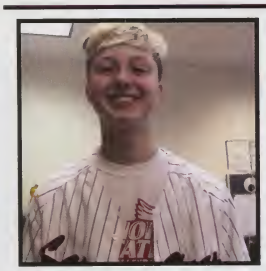
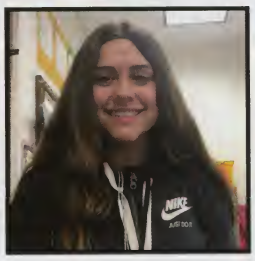
FRESHMEN DREAM CARS

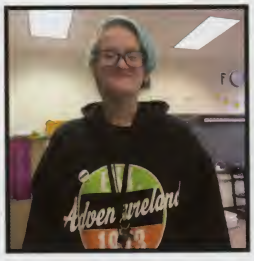


Lexi Thompson
"The brand new BMW because it, hopefully, won't be much money, and they are super nice cars, and look fun to drive."
2019 BMW 3-series

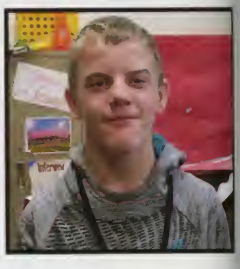
Daniel Bejarano
"My dream car is a Chevy Tahoe because I really want the car for all of the room, and because they are nice and fast."
2019 Chevy Tahoe



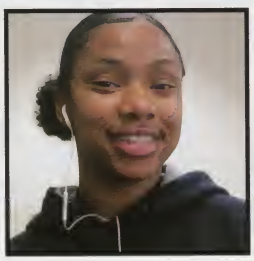
Sofia Leone
"I want a Rolls Royce in red because I am boujee, and that suits me."
2018 Rolls-Royce Phantom



Amiee Borchardt
"A 1967 Chevy Impala, the look of it is really cool!"
1967 Chevy Impala



Logan Lambrecht
"My dream car is a Lamborghini. I love the sleek design."
2018 Lamborghini Aventador



Brittney Colvin
"White Lamborghini!"

Noeli Gonzalez
"I would want a red and black Jeep!"

Chase Sexton
"I want a red 2018 Corvette with some black design, with black and red interior, and a back black wing."

Britani Trujillo
"A black and blue Mustang!"

Kyi Nuam Man
Jenny Marceleno
Omar Marceleno-Alba
Natalia Marshall
Tyler Martin
Anayla Martinez
Erik Maston

Janaya Mayfield
Marysa McClary
Joseph McCullough
Tristen McDonough
Imari McDuffy
Brycen McGarry
Anden McKinney

Doniere McNeal
Arianna McRae
Jamaurya Medlock
Hunter Melody
Melissa Mendoza-Perez
Demetrius Meyers-Bryant
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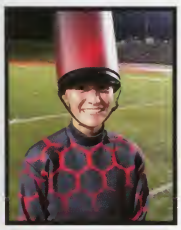
Freshmen Marchers: *Their Biggest Struggles*

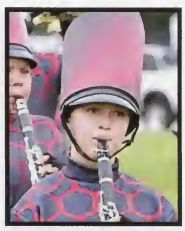


"Staying in time and marching with the beat."

Alaina Muller, Flute

"Staying covered while marching."

Joe Brune, Mellophone



"Keeping my upper body and posture correct."

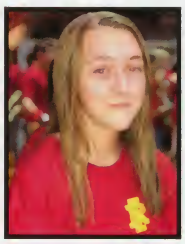
Chloe Shomo, Clarinet

"Staying in the forms, and marching with the proper technique."

Peh Lay, Drumline

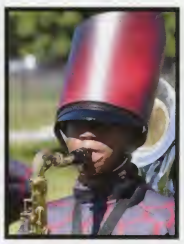
"Playing my instrument while marching."

Ana Lampert Trumpet



"Learning the basics of marching and implementing them."

Jay Richardson, Saxophone



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Alaina Muller
Ella Munday
Montgomery Murdock
Heaven Myers
Shanne Nadado

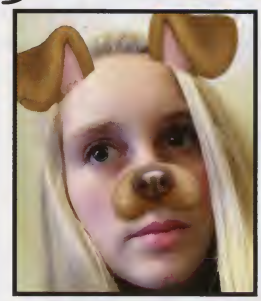
Jonathan Nadeau
Makayla Neal
Niyogusenga Neema
Logan Newberry
Summer Newberry
Amarion Nimmers
Favour Noya

Win Win Nwet
Irene Nzoyitazira
Hlaing Oo
Sage Oviatt
Makyla Owens
Madison Panick
Taylor Pannell

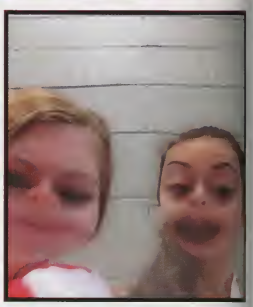
Kaitlyn Parker
JaNigh Parks
Radell Parks
Chadric Parr
Nibitanga Pascalin
Zoe Patterson
Soe Paw

Filtering Freshmen Year

Layla Mahmutovic (right) and Delia Schwartz (left), love this filter because it makes "us look super funny."

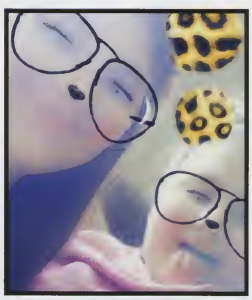


Sage Oviatt loves the cat filter because she "can pretend to be a model."



Savannah Harding's favorite filter is the heart crown because "it's one of the cutest filters."

Mekayla Welsh loves the dog filter because she "loves dogs" and it makes her look "cuter."



Mackenzie Brokaw (left) and Maddie Polito (right) love the "funny" filters because "it makes me and my friends laugh."
- Mackenzie Brokaw

Ywa Hay Paw
Brandon Pearce
Mateo Pena
Brigitte Pendeza
Brisa Perez
Hugo Perez
Santiago Perez

Jaibreonna Phillips
Jaysha Phillips
Jordan Phillips
Jamarion Pickett
Diane Pilipili
Madelynn Polito
Emilio Pompa

James Porter
Jasmine Poston
Riley Potter
Ricoyah Price
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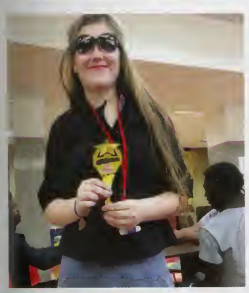

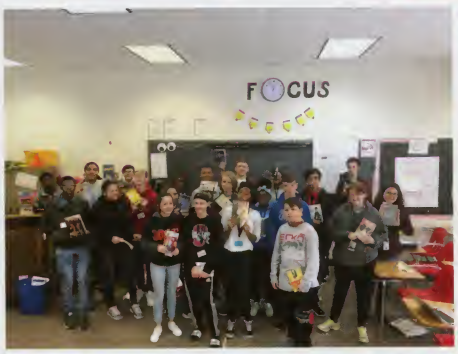

11th grade

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Myles Richardson
Emma Richey

Benjamin Riecke
Kai Rios
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Rosadalia Rocillo
Lillian Rodriguez
Kennedy Roggenbauer
Jacob Rohwer

Ruby Romero
Abbie Roos
Kasen Ross
Ailia Rubalcava
Diego Ruiz
Luis Ruiz
Daijana Rush

Jyrecous Rush
Nathaniel Rush
Kamara Sakho
Naoko Sambdman
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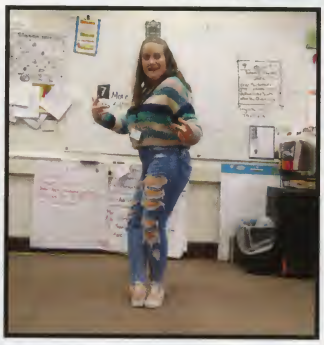
Law Eh Say

FRESHMEN HIDDEN TALENTS

"I am very flexible!"

Kara Baumunk, 9



"I can walk with my feet backwards!"

Georgi Feigley, 9

"I can program robots!"

Chloe Shomo, 9

"I can fire hula hoop!"

Sage Oviatt, 9

Talieya Schappaugh
Lakelynn Schiffke
Matthew Schriner-Hall
Hailee Schwab
Delia Schwartz
Jaquai Scott
Nick Seabolt

Josephine Seams
Chase Sexton
Htoo Shee
Olivia Sholl
Chloe Shomo
Isabel Sierra
Sophia Sigler

Amaya Simpson
Briar Singleton
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Emma Sprague

Aniyah Steele
Ma'Kayla Steele
Halana Stephenson
Storm Stern
Brionjanique Stewart
Kylie Stewart
Daniel Stiles

Tazia Stoner-Harris
Hunter Straw-Lucas
Jacob Stribling
Corey Strong
Shadrack Sumaili
Benjamin Sweborg
Gabriella Taber

Kiley Tallman
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Zaryah Tate
Nakiyah Taylor
Oo Tha
Cung Thang
Steven Thomas

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Lexi Thompson
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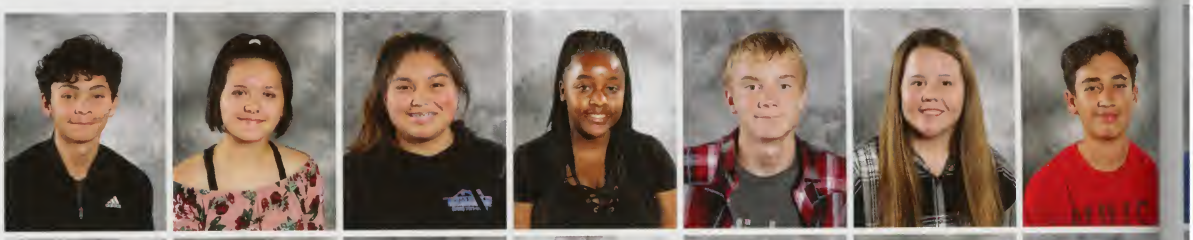

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Tona'e Vaughn
Fernando Vazquez
Angie Velasco
Antonio Velazquez
Gregory

Kaleb Vellocido
Anna Vermeire
Jack Veronda
Evan Vesey
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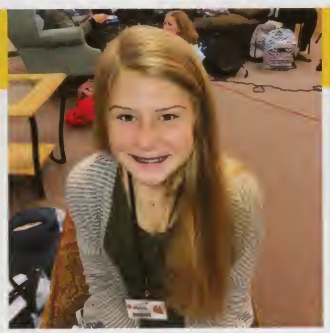


FRESHMEN ROCK STUDENT COUNCIL

Jayla Upton
"My favorite thing about being in Student Council is being able to help out and prepare for school events and spread school spirit."

Campbell Kelley
"My favorite thing about being in Student Council is that I like knowing I'm involved."

Ella Munday
"My favorite thing about being in Student Council is being able to have a voice in this school."

Drew Jarding
"The best thing about Student Council is how we give back to the community in a fun way, and how we get to socialize outside of school."

Jaylynn Weistart
Michael Wells
Mekayla Welsh
Zane White-Edgington
Anthony Whited
Cori Williams
Terrance Williams

Drake Williamson
Daisha Willis
Evan Willis
Hsi Win
Nywe Nywe Win
Tyler Wolf
Jaiden Womack

Dayvon Woods
Mar'Cha Woodson
Lamya Wright
James Wulgaert
Aaron York
Adrian Zetina

FRESHMEN SUIT UP FOR VARSITY

Olivia Sholl

Girls Varsity Swimming

"It's cool because you don't see many freshmen included in Varsity sports."

Elijah Reese

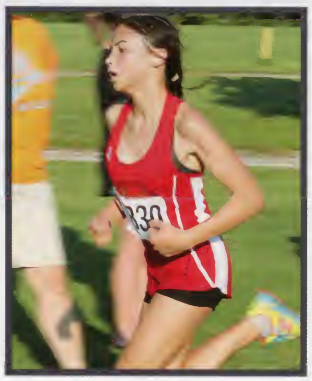
Varsity Football

"It's a great experience, and it's good for me to learn everything, while I continue to develop."

Gwen Carr

Girls Varsity Cross Country

"It's a good opportunity because I still have plenty of chances to improve myself for the next 3 years."

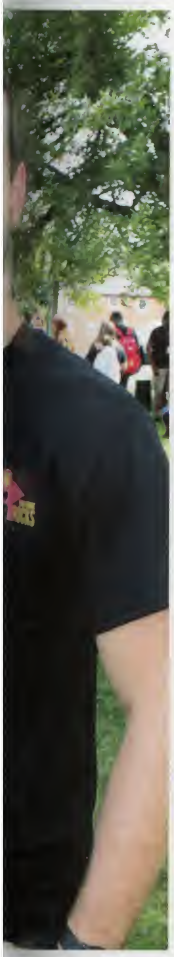


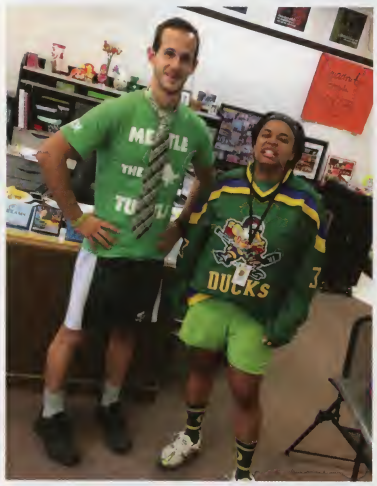
Emily Allison

Varsity Volleyball

"It was scary, at first, because I felt like I had a lot to live up to since I'm so young compared to everyone else on the team. But right away, I felt like I was a part of the team, and I had known my teammates for awhile. They were all very inviting and kind. It was fun playing bigger and better competition and pushing myself to be better."

ROCKY STAFF





Mr. Almanza

Mrs. Alvarez

Mrs. Angel-Young

Mrs. Arnold

Mr. Behnke

Mrs. Benson

Mr. Boardman

Mrs. Bohling

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Carlin

Mrs. Chewning

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clash

Miss Clough

Mr. Corwin

Mrs. Curtiss

Mrs. DeGreve

Ms. Dempsey

Mrs. Dennis

Mrs. Depron

Mrs. Donelson

Mr. Dunker

Mr. Dyer

Mrs. Dyer

Mrs. Evanchyk

Mrs. Foster

Mrs. Garrison

Mrs. Grandberry-Pugh

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

Mr. Corwin & Mr. Rogers

"When you are forced to be with someone for 8 hours a day, a natural bond will appear, whether you want it to or not. Sometimes those bonds are like viruses, and stick with you for awhile."
- Mr. Corwin

"You don't pick your coworkers, but sometimes, one can turn into a really good friend... I have yet to experience that, but I'm sure it's nice."
- Mr. Rogers

Ms. Johnson & Mrs. Resch

"It's allowed me to bounce off her ideas and help me teach my students in a relevant way."
- Ms. Johnson

"I get to see her between every period, so that's always a highlight, and we get to have some adult time. Also, being next to each other makes teaching easier."
- Mrs. Resch

Mr. Hoover & Mr. Bollaert

"We've had to work together to have a successful class environment, and when you work together and use teamwork to do the best you can, it creates a tighter bond."
- Mr. Hoover

"It's tough to be great alone. Everything is better in pairs."
- Mr. Bollaert

Mrs. Vroman & Mrs. Dennis

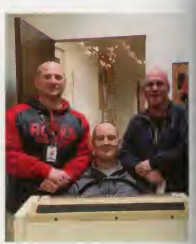
"Mrs. Dennis gets me through tough days. Without her, I would go insane."
- Mrs. Vroman

"Mrs. Vroman is my rock at Rocky, and always keeps me laughing".
- Mrs. Dennis

Mr. Mertel & Mrs. Mertel

"Many people wouldn't dare work with their spouse, but I couldn't imagine Rocky without her. She helps me be the best teacher, and person, I can be."
- Mr. Mertel

"Working with my husband has been great. He's the Jim to my Pam."
- Mrs. Mertel



Mr. Allison, Mr. Trask, & Mr. Joseph

"I like to keep my enemies close, and my friends far away."
- Mr. Allison

"We're such great friends. I've been invited over to Mr. Allison's house once."
- Mr. Trask

"That's why we're just co-workers."
- Mr. Joseph

Mrs. Grayson

Mrs. Greenwood

Mr. Gustafson

Mr. Hains

Mr. Hakizimana

Mrs. Hannah

Ms. Hanrahan

Mrs. Harms

Mrs. Hornick

Mr. Joseph

Mr. Kennelly

Mrs. Lack

Mr. LaRoche

Ms. Loebach

Ms. Martens

Mrs. Matherly

Mrs. McClendon

Mrs. Mendelin

Mr. Mertel

Mrs. Mertel

Mrs. Mewes

Ms. Miers

Mrs. Pearson

Mrs. Miller-Dedecke

Miss Moody

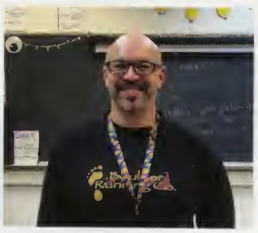
Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Osborne

Mrs. Oswald

WHAT WOULD YOU BE, BESIDES A TEACHER?

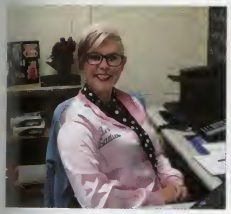
"Journalist, a job that allowed me to travel and speak to highly intelligent people, who want to help the world."
- Mrs. Grandberry-Pugh


"If I were not a teacher, I would be working in the front office of a professional baseball team."
- Mr. Campbell

"If I was not a teacher, I would be a concert promoter."
- Mrs. Randolph

"Probably biologist, studying trees in the forest."
- Mrs. Benson

"I would be a beautician."
- Mrs. Woods


"Flight attendant. I want to travel the world for free."
- Ms. Moody

"If I was not a teacher, I would probably be in marketing sales for business."
- Mr. Carlin

"I would probably be running educational programs for national parks."
- Mrs. Foster

"Flying jets in the Air Force."
- Mr. Wayland

"I would be a financial planner or a firefighter."
- Mr. Kennelly

Mr. Palm

Mrs. Parer

Ms. Miers

Mrs. Pittard

Mr. Pitz

Mrs. Poe

Mrs. Preston

Mrs. Puebla

Mr. Randle

Mrs. Randolph

Mrs. Regan

Mrs. Rel

Mrs. Resch

Mr. Rice

Ms. Rivera

Mr. Roberts

Mr. Rogers

Mrs. Schwab

Mr. Smith

Mrs. Stribling

Miss Terronez

MR. WHITAKER

A new year brought a new principal at Rocky. Mr. Whitaker was hired as the interim principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Whitaker has made it a priority to get involved as much as possible this year, and expand all the good things Rock Island has to offer. He helped organize a Course and Activity Showcase in December to give parents and students another look at what RIHS has to offer. Mr. Whitaker had previously spent 14 years working in the Chicago Public Schools. He was an English teacher, Dean, and Assistant Principal. Rock Island is his first full time Principal job. Mr. Whitaker grew up in Moline, and that inspired his return to the area.

Mr. Whitaker says his favorite part o the Rock Island community is the tremendous pRIde the community ha and their strong desire to see every child succeed.

Ms. Thies

Mrs. Thompson

Mr. Trask

Mrs. Trigueros

Mrs. VanKirk

Ms. Vega

Mr. Voigt

Mrs. Vroman

Mr. Wayland

Mr. Whitaker

Mr. Williams

Mrs. Woods

Mrs. Young

Rudy Almanza
Class of '94

Lori Anderson
Class of '86

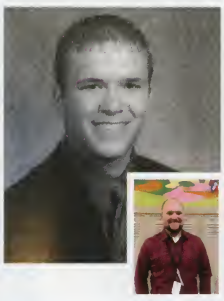
Jarrin Williams
Class of '90

Lakisha Randle
Class of '02

Willie Randle
Class of '81

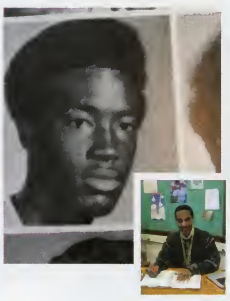
Lori Alvarez
Class of '80

Laura Vroman
Class of '98



Chad Kennelly
Class of '00

Ben Kirgan
Class of '94



Henry Clash
Class of '73

Erin Dempsey
Class of '94

Dail Rice
Class of '04

Dorian Foster
Class of '00

Jacqueline Harms
Class of '92

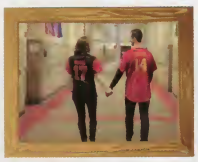
Tim Corwin
Class of '09

Sarah Miers
Class of '05

Shari Thompson
Class of '83

Andrew Campbell
Class of '87

STAFF superlatives



CUTEST COUPLE

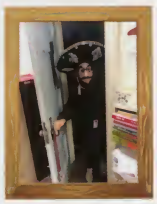
MOST THEATRICAL

FUTURE AUTHOR

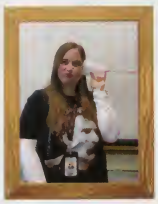
MOST LIKELY TO STEAL HIS WIFE'S LUNCH

FUTURE WORLD LEADER

PARTNERS IN CRIME



MOST LIKELY TO BE SPIES



BEST LISTENERS

CLASS CLOWNS

BEST DRESSED

BEST HAIR

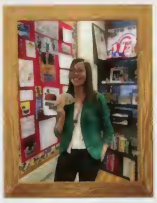
MOST LIKELY TO LOSE THE WINNING LOTTERY TICKET

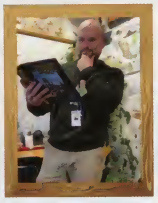
MOST ATHLETIC

BEST SHOES

BIGGEST PRANKSTERS

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT





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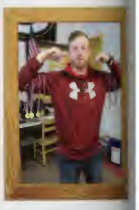

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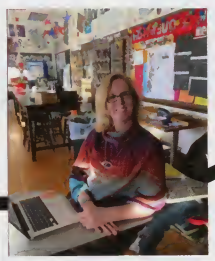
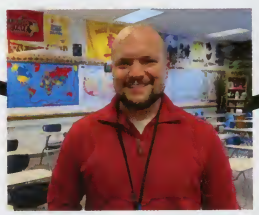


Mrs. Anderson
is related to Dr. Kirgan!

Dr. Kirgan
teaches in the same department as Mrs. Anderson.



Mr. Kennelly
played football for RIHS like Dr. Kirgan.

Mr. Dyer
played recreational softball with Mr. Kennelly!

THE REAL STAFF CONNECTIONS

One meal for the rest of your life...

Mrs. Harms

Tacos

Mr. Melody

BBQ Ribs

Mrs. Trimble

Pizza

Mr. McCollum

Pizza

Mrs. Pearson

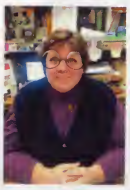
Salads

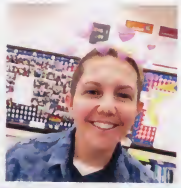
Mr. Smith

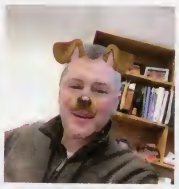
Burgers

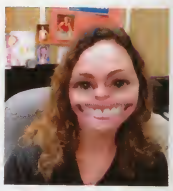
Mrs. Young

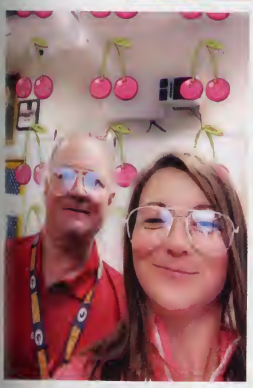
Red beans and rice

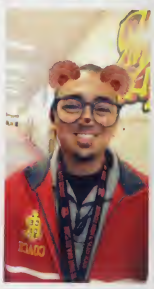


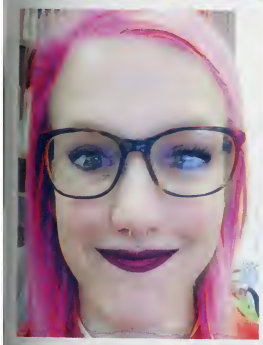


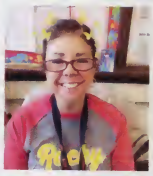


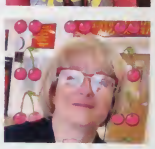


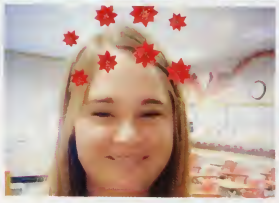


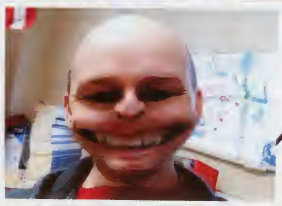












STAFF snaps

Guess THE Desk

DIRECTIONS: Try to match each picture of teachers' desks to the corresponding teachers listed on the side.

Mrs. Hayek

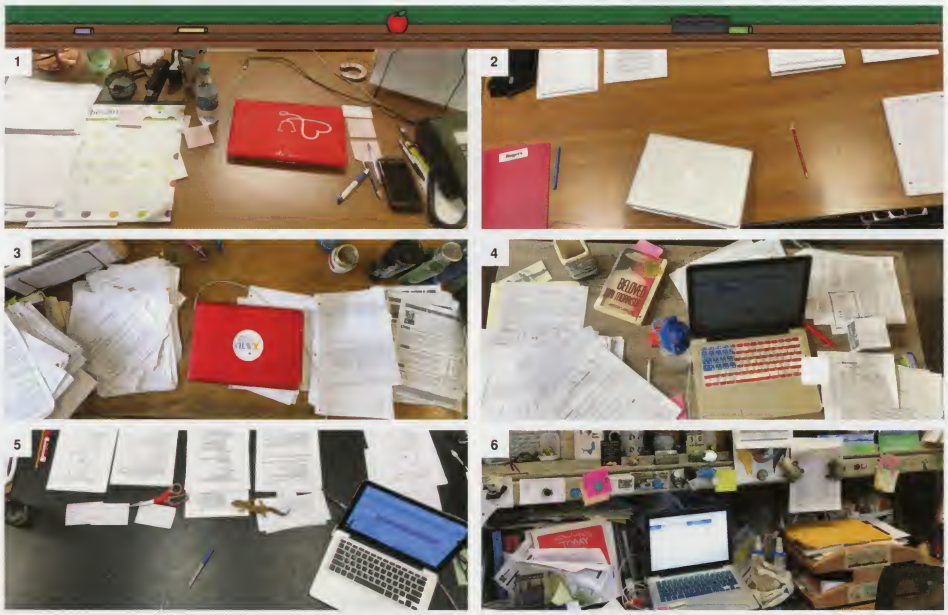
Ms. Johnson

Dr. Kirgan

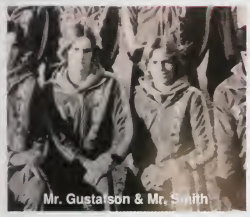
Mrs. Stribling

Mr. Mertel

Mr. Rogers



Answers: 1) Mrs. Stribling 2) Mr. Rogers 3) Ms. Johnson 4) Mr. Mertel 5) Dr. Kirgan 6) Mrs. Hayek


Mr. Gustafson & Mr. Smith

Mrs. Vroman

Mrs. Grayson

Mrs. Resch

Mr. Williams

Mr. Hammer

Mrs. Thies

Mr. Rogers

Mr. Smith

Mrs. Lillis

Mrs. Anderson

Ms. Miers

Mr. Mertel

Mr. Corwin

[Rocky Teachers remember their high school and college sport days!]

Our CRAZY MEMORIES at the ROCK

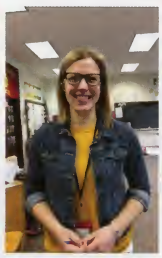
"Homecoming Assembly- the teachers vs. students dance battle!"
Mrs. Evanchyk

"One of my students threw up on me before I could bring them the trash can."
Mr. Stone

"A student let their apple pie catch fire in the oven."
Mrs. Hannah

"One of my students lit their nostrils on fire."
Mrs. Anderson

"A girl had her flip flop stuck on a mouse trap, and the mouse was carrying her flip flop around the room while on the trap."
Mr. Dyer



"I put our former principal's coffee mug in jello... twice."
Ms. Miers

"A group of us have TP'd administrators' houses, which led to prank wars."
Mrs. Reagan

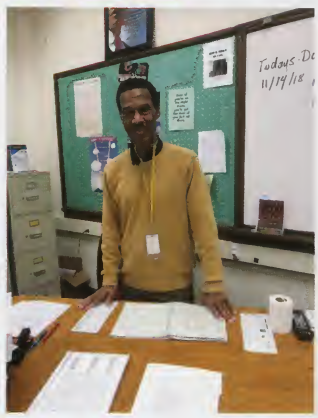
"I went to the staff restroom between classes. When I got done, the door would not unlock. I had to call the asst. principal, and she had to call maintenance to come up and open the door. I was in the restroom for 45 minutes."

Leaving the ROCK

Bev Osborne, 7 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "The people -all of the different people that I have met, and now consider friends."
Future Plans: "Our dream is to sell everything – buy a large RV, and travel the United States, hiking and biking in all of the national parks."

Robert Smith, 25 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "My favorite memories are the great people I have met through the years."
Future Plans: "I am hoping to continue to play music, chess, and doing a lot of reading in retirement."

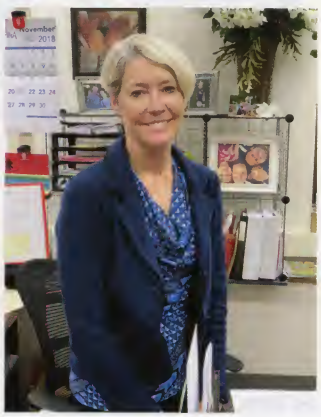
Angela Loebach, 33 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory at Rocky was performing the Superbowl Shuffle at a Homecoming Assembly."
Future Plans: "I don't have any definite plans after I retire. Perhaps I'll get a part-time job and spend the cold months somewhere warm."



Henry Clash, 22 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory is being selected as the Grand Marshall for the Homecoming Parade."
Future Plans: "My plans, at this time, is to work out at the gym a little more, play my guitar, and travel as much as possible. "

Don Palm, 35 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory from these years includes the close relationships developed with the staff when we came together to try and change the world for the better, one student at a time. "

Kassie Hannah, 35 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "I am a Rocky graduate, with memories as a student and a teacher. Family & Consumer Sciences have always been an amazing part of the CTE program at Rocky."
Future Plans: "My retirement plans include lots of rest, relaxation, and spending quality time with family. I plan to read lots of books and eventually create my own line of children's books."



Carol Depron, 22 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "April Fools Day while working in the dean's office, all the pranks the secretaries and administrators play on each other."

Janette Creger, 22 years at the Rock
Favorite Memory: "For my favorite memory, I can't think of just one thing. But I will remember working with all the different secretaries! They made the work time very enjoyable."
Future Plans: "When I retire, I hope to play pickle ball and golf and to do other fun stuff. I pray I am blessed with good health and energy to accomplish everything I want to do."

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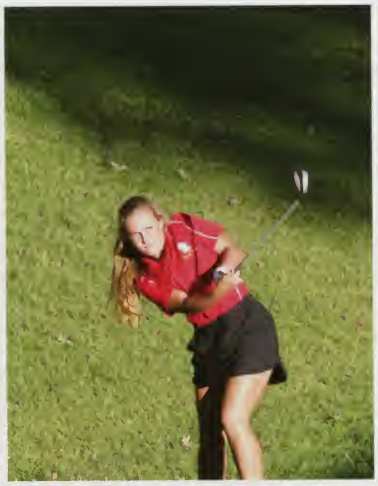
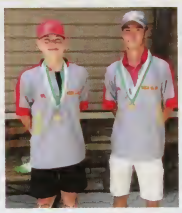
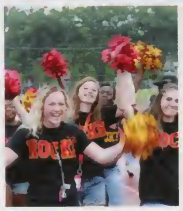
ROCKY ATHLETICS







High School Memories

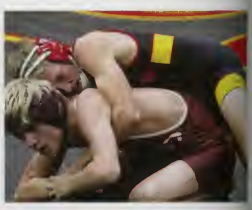
"My favorite high school memory is wrestling at our duals and cheering for my teammates."
- Manny Limon

"My favorite thing is after cutting weight and weighing in, we get to finally eat."
- Joseph Ferguson

"My favorite memory is when I found out I was going to be a team captain."
- Donovan Rogers

NOW & Then

From 1985 to 2019, wrestling has made a major change. From Coach Walt Gerber to Coach Stockwell, the team has improved significantly. The Rocks are ranked in Class 2A, as a team. There have been new singlet changes, uniform changes, and a new mat. Also, the Rocks added a new spotlight to light up their mat.



Coaching Staff

"My favorite part of coaching this year's team is their youth and enthusiasm. Even though they do not have years of experience, they are eager and willing to put in the hard work it takes to improve, and be able to compete with much more experienced teams."
Joel Stockwell ,
Head Coach

"This year, I really enjoyed our large group of freshmen and sophomore wrestlers, and being able to see them grow into Varsity or future Varsity wrestlers. I also enjoyed seeing our current Varsity wrestlers have some great post season success this year, as well. And, of course, winning the Western Big 6 for the first time in six seasons."
Jake Boyd ,
Assistant Coach

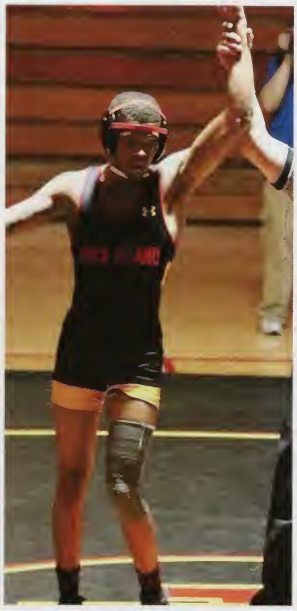
"We've had our downfall, but we have stepped up when it has mattered and picked each other up through rough times. We are going in the right direction into the post-season. Hopefully, we can bring home some hardware!"
Sepehr Kahlor,
JV Head Coach

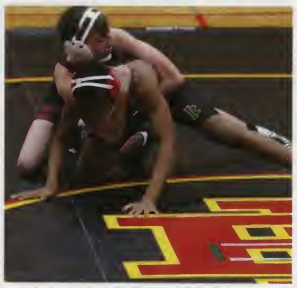
SENIORS

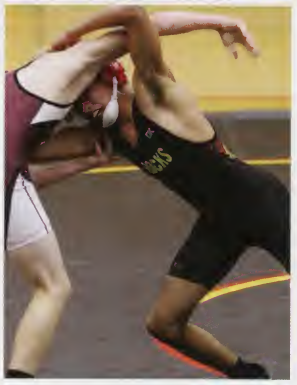
"One thing I will miss is after our tournaments or meets on Saturday's, we all go out to eat. Also, I will miss Coach Stockwell always pushing me to reach new goals."
- **Michael Myers**

"The thing I will miss the most about wrestling is hanging out with the team all the time at tournaments and practice."
- **Vershaun Lee**

"I will miss the tournaments on the weekends the most, and hanging out with my teammates."
- **Devin Phillips**







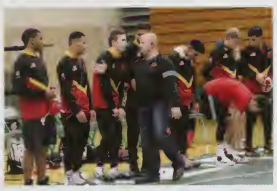
WRESTLING

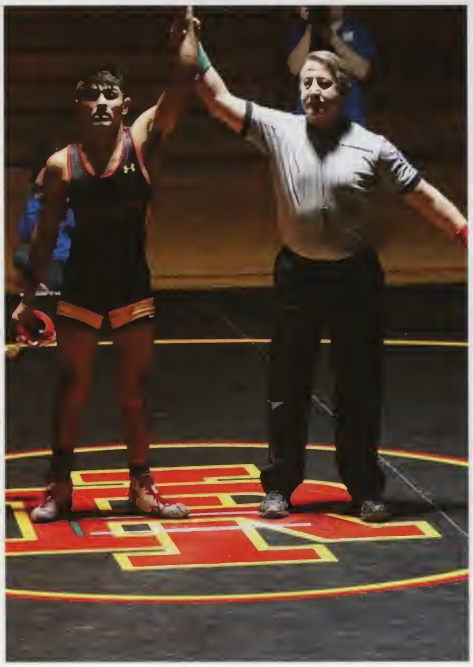
ROCKS

The Rocks started off on a rough road, but ended their season on a high note. The Rocks finished their season as the Western Big 6 Champions for the first time in six years, shutting out the Conference by going 6-0. The Rocks also placed second in the IHSA Regional, and had 6 Sectional Qualifiers, and 3 alternates. They also added on 3 State Qualifiers, and Victor Guzman earned himself a spot on the State placers board, earning himself a third place finish.

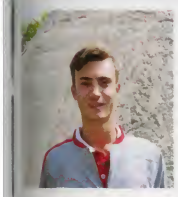
With most of the team being freshmen or sophomores, the team would learn and bond with some of the upperclassmen in the wrestling room and outside the wrestling room. Throughout the long, hard season, the Rocks would bond after duals and tournaments on Saturdays by going out to eat and going to Helium.

Junior State Placer Victor Guzman spoke about earning a third place finish at State, with still a year left in high school. He stated, "It feels really good, and gives me a boost of confidence knowing I already placed as a junior, so now I'm just trying to finish my senior year with getting a State Title." Senior Michael Myers echoed these sentiments about having a great senior season, by saying, "I wish I still had a year to wrestle with this team because I worked so hard this year, and everything fell into place perfectly. We snapped Moline's win streak, and won the Western Big 6 for the first time in six years. We also made it down to State my senior year, and earned a top 8 in the State, which was a pretty good feeling."

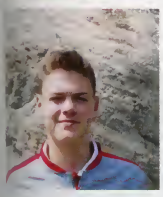




MEET THE TEAM



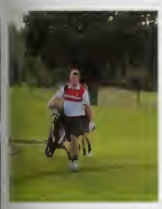
Andrew Polito
(Senior) has been playing on the Varsity team for 4 years.
"My favorite part of golf is always getting better."



Colton Sigel
(Sophomore)
has been playing Varsity for 2 years.
"My favorite part of golf is playing with my team."

Ryan Nickel (Junior)
has been playing Varsity for 2 years.
"I like how easy it is to build new relationships with your opponents and teammates on the course."

Carson James (Senior)
has been playing Varsity for 3 years.
"My favorite part of golf is the bus rides with my team."



Caleb Carroll (Junior)
has been playing Varsity for 2 years.
"My favorite part of golf is always trying to beat my last score."

The 2018 golf season was one of continued success for the Rocks. The team was led by seniors, Andrew Polito and Carson James, the two captains. Coach Sharp stated, "Our team goals are the same every year- to play a good Conference Meet (We finished 3rd, our best finish in quite awhile), qualify as many as we can for Sectionals (We qualified three this year, again, the best we have done in many years), and qualify as many as we can for the State Meet. Andrew missed by two strokes." The team worked hard all season, and was supported by a strong JV team of five freshmen. Despite the challenges of weather, the team had a great season and finished third in Conference. Coach Sharp and Coach Sigel are proud of their team, and explain that the best part of the season was "when three boys qualified to advance from Regionals to Sectionals. This is a nice achievement, and that experience will prepare our team for a good run next season."

Above: Andrew Polito lines up his drive at the Pekin Invitational.
Left: Caleb Carroll sets up for his putt on the 18th green at Short Hills Country Club, in a win against Moline.

Back Row: Coach Sharp, Colton Sigel, Ryan Nickel, Alex Kern, Carson James, Andrew Polito, Lucas Thieme, Coach Sigel
Front Row: Aden Rasmussen, Carter Stone, Ashton Timm, Tyler Wolf, AJ Freeman, Aaron York

For generations, the Boys Golf Team has continued its tradition of excellence and competition. The coaches have worked to introduce the sport to athletes, who previously had not played golf, and helped players work to improve.

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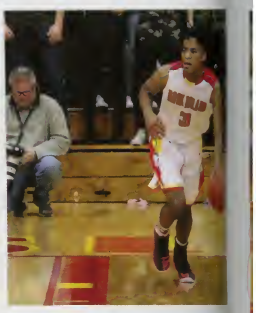
Elijah Andrews, Senior

Jayden Tucker, Senior

Jamal Randle, Senior

Aaron Voss, Senior

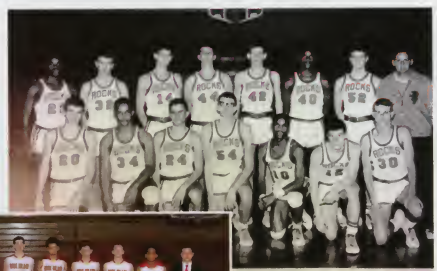


JaMir Price, Senior

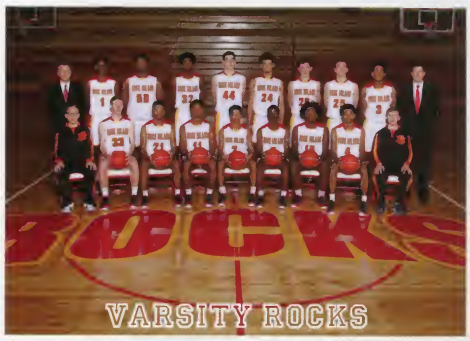
WINNING WAYS

This year's boys' basketball team carried on their winning tradition, with a season record of 19-10, and a first place finish in the Conference, as they tied Moline for the Conference crown. The team was led by their nine seniors, Elijah Andrews, Jayden Tucker, Jamal Randle, Aaron Voss, JaMir Price, Tyler Meirhaeghe, Darnell Conner, Jahmeir Robinson, and Charlie Allison. They were supported by newcomers, Jordan Rice, Taurean Holtam, and Malachi Key, players who Sigel noted really contributed to the team's success. Coach Sigel praised the team's resilience, stating how proud he was of the team "Battling back to tie for the WB6 championship by winning our last four Conference games, which was something people did not think we would be able to do." The boys also won the State Farm Holiday Classic, a tough tournament that draws talented teams from across the Midwest. The team looks to continue their winning ways into the off season tournaments and workouts, as they prepare for next year.

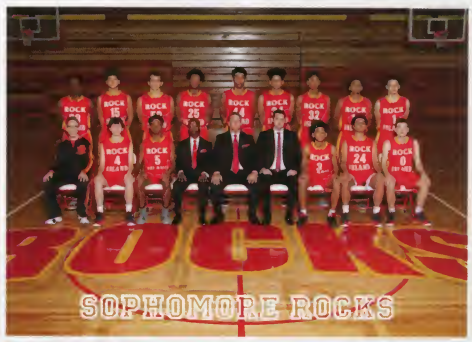
NOW & Then



The Boys' Basketball Team has changed, just as the game has from 1970. The 3-point shot was adopted, which revolutionized the game. The Rock Island team has changed a lot since then, as well, winning their first State Championship in 2011.



Front Row (L to R): Jacob Kirby, Tyler Meirhaeghe, Elijah Andrews, Jayden Tucker, Jordan Rice, Jamal Randle, Darnell Conner, Alijah Walker-Lee, Jeremiah Kirby. Back Row (L to R): Coach Sigel, Jahmeir Robinson, Andrew McDuffy, Malachi Key, Solomon Gustafson, Taurean Holtam, Aaron Voss, Charlie Allison, JaMir Price, Coach Wynn.



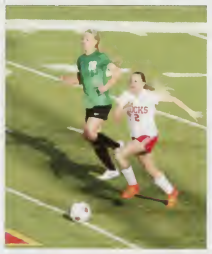
Front Row (L to R): Jacob Kirby, Trevor Beckman, Rob Pulliam, Coach Colvin, Coach Baker, Coach Johnson, Amarion Nimmers, Tyler Bragg, Colton Sigel. Back Row (L to R): Perry Slater, Eli Reese, Ben Samuelson, Romeo Metcalf, Baker Beal, Julian Harris, Marieon Anderson, Devin Swift, Jaylen Brozovich.

Front Row (L to R): Javion Auston, Jaylin Randle, Zachary Beckman, Jason Arroyo-Vasquez, Jacquai Scott. Middle Row (L to R): Demetrius Meyers-Bryant, Anthony Campbell, James Porter, James Webb, Connor Green. Back Row (L to R): Coach Keith Beck, Andrew Sullivan, Amir Samuels, Kai Rios, Daryll Hicks.

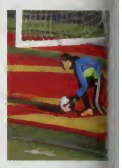
Reagan Scheper
"One thing that people may not understand is that your high school team is like your family. You spend most of your time with them, rather than your friends and family. You learn to trust them to have your back, on and off the field. This is one of the things I will miss most about high school soccer."

Paw Kaw Ku
"Something that stuck with me as a soccer player and captain, was whether I am in or out, win or lose, I still feel a part of the soccer family. To win, put a big smile on my face, and the team's. Even when we lose, I still enjoy being on the Rocks' Varsity Team!"

Jackie Romero
"I enjoyed having a relaxed practice at Schweibert Park. The overnight tournament was a fun experience, and I learned a lot from the goalie coach, Coach Dreiling."



Kayla Garcia
"What I loved most about our season was the team bonding we did. We would have team dinners for every WB6 game, and then before games, we would talk about how we, as a team, could play better than the previous game."



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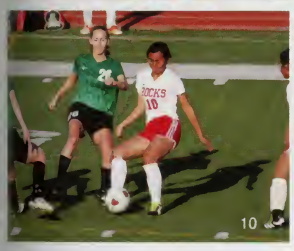
Girls' soccer has not always been a part of Rocky sports. Girls in the past had to play on the boys' team if they wanted to play. Now, the girls' teams exist, allowing for them to be more competitive, and play a sport both boys and girls can excel at.

Then

Varsity Girls Soccer Team



1) The girls huddle together during an injury break to strategize and encourage each other before they continue playing.
2) Sophie Agbayani attempts to split two Geneseo defenders to get into the attack.
3) Suhair Juma throws the ball in to play.
4) Kayla Garcia kicks the ball up the field on a freekick.
5) Amber Haskill takes the goal kick for the Rocks.
6) Lah Paw protects the goal by picking the ball up.
7) Mirsa Boyer tries to pass the ball up the field.
8) Mikayla DePover takes the goal kick, sending the ball up the field.
9) Eh Mu Mu steps in front of the opponent to defend for the Rocks' half.
10) Hae Ni Sher shields the ball from Geneseo.

FAMILY Rocks

The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team had a record this season of 6-14. Coach Mertel notes the team's accomplishments and leaders were the success at the UT Invite (2-1 at the invite) and full team victories against Galesburg and Chicago Christian. Team leaders include Vanessa Holland in the attack, Sophie Agbayani and Kayla Garcia in the midfield, with Mikayla DePover leading in the back. The team came together by working hard on the field, and building new traditions.

One of those traditions included team dinners. On the day before each Conference game, a player would open up their home and host a team dinner. The team would eat, laugh, and play games together. This helped team chemistry on the field, especially when playing tough competition.

The team also traveled to Chicago for an overnight tournament, which was great bonding for the whole team.

Vanessa Holland, a former Rock and captain, said, "I am proud of my team and the progress we made throughout the season. Even though it was getting harder and harder, we kept going and pushing ourselves to do better for our team."

Although they had a tough season, they came together in the end, win or lose.

Reflecting on the Season

"It was a fun season. I loved playing with everyone on the team. It was probably my favorite season, so far."
- Mikayla DePover, 12th Grade

"I played on Varsity towards the end of the season, and it was fun and funny!"
- Lah Paw, 11th Grade

"Being captain on the Varsity Team was definitely a privilege, especially since I was the only junior captain. It was a great experience."
- Kayla Garcia, 12th Grade

"I had fun playing soccer with the girls. I liked when we played music before games to get pumped."
- Rylee Bowling, 12th Grade

"High school doesn't last forever, and being on a team, we all got along. Even if we lost every game, I still enjoyed the sport, and the people who I play with make it fun. Sometimes, it's not about winning all the time."
Amber Haskill, 12th Grade

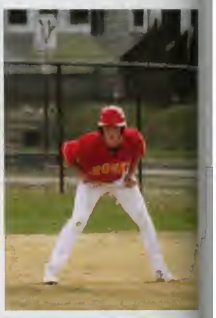
JV Girls Soccer Team

Left: A. Groothaert attempts to win the ball out of the air, while fighting against a Geneseo player.
Top: V. Holland and Hae Ni Sher celebrate a goal against Davenport Central in a home game win.

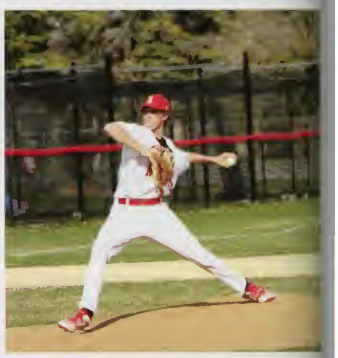
UP TO **BAT**

"MIND SET"

Austin Ford (12)
"Being aggressive and looking for a good pitch to hit, either inside or down the middle."

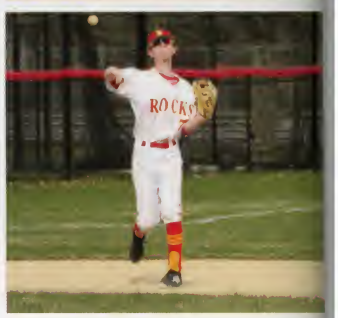


Spencer Hasselroth (12)
"My mindset is to get on base and move runners over."



Bryce Trask (12)
"I go up there, looking to get an RBI, get a runner over, get on base, and put pressure on the defense or pitcher."

The Rocks Varsity Baseball Team ended their 2018 season with a record of 19 wins and 17 losses. They were led by team leaders, P.T. Boeye, Khyri White, and Clayton Thomas. Head Coach Jay Wayland says that, "They led on the field, by example, practiced hard, and supported their teammates." This season, the team goal was to win a 4A Regional Championship. Although they did not win the championship, they won the IHSA 4A Regional Semi-Final. Coach Wayland says in order to work towards the team goals, they worked on "fundamentals, execution to eliminate mistakes, and to take advantages of opportunities." The weather also played a big role in the season, considering there were 3 snowstorms! Coach Wayland says that in the beginning, key players were injured. Despite these challenges, the team still managed to make lasting memories, such as the overnight trip to Jacksonville and winning both the Rock Island Classic and 4A Regional Semi-Final.



NOW &

Pictured to the right is the 1969 Baseball Team. Pictured below is the 2018 Varsity Baseball Team. The team has grown in popularity, and the field has undergone major renovations, including the new scoreboard.

Then

2018 VARSITY TEAM

VARSITY BASEBALL

Charlie Allison (12)
"The baseball team is important to me because it's a family tradition to play baseball for Rocky."

Aaron Voss (12)
"The baseball team means everything to me. They are like brothers to me, and I love the bond we formed."

PLAYER TRADITIONS

Carson James (12)
"Before games, we would play games with each other before the actual game."

Brandt Samuelson (12)
"I listened to music to get in the zone before every game, particularly a lot of Eminem."

TEAM CAPTAINS

Khyri White (12) led by example and always did the right thing that coaches asked him to do. White was also a good starting pitcher for the team.

PT Boeye (12) was captain of the Varsity Baseball Team his senior year. He was very vocal with the team and was also an excellent teammate.

SOPHOMORES ON VARSITY

"Playing on Varsity was a lot of fun. I had a great time playing along side some of my best buds. Although it was not my best season, I still enjoyed spending a lot of my time with those guys."
Vincent Esposito, 11

"The experience I had playing higher level baseball was amazing. I am glad I was able to get to have fun with the guys."
Caleb Carroll, 11

COACHES Advice

Coach Wayland

"We over me."

Coach Newquist

"Win every pitch."

2018 SOPHOMORE TEAM

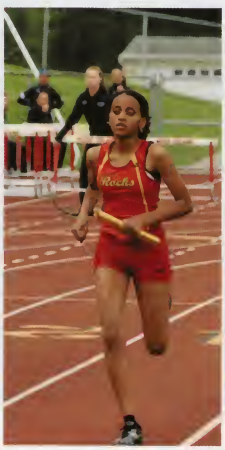
FRESHMAN BASEBALL 2018

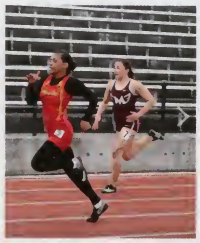
CONTINUING A

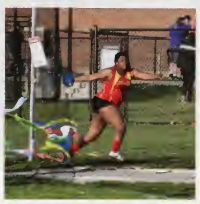
TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

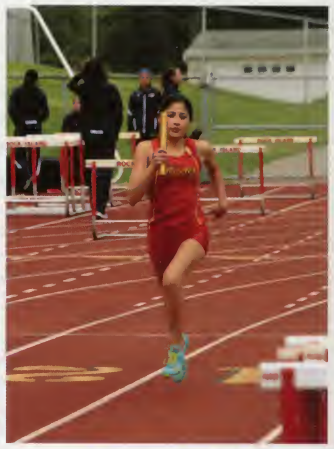
GIRLS' TRACK 2018

This year's Girls' Track Team set out to defend their Conference Championship, and throughout their season, they did just that. The girls finished strong, with a record of 14-6. Coach Vesey stated that the team's biggest accomplishments included "winning Conference, placing second at Sectionals, and qualifying for State." The team was led by MyKedra Craig, Jayla Hathorn, e'Dereka Newsone, DaViona Hearn, Joniaa Ballard, and Marceisha Jackson. Newcomers Natalia Gabriel and Valerie Holland also had standout seasons. The team continues their tradition of excellence and "doing better than what is expected of them, especially when it counts," Coach Vesey explains. Despite having individual events, Coach Vesey instills in the athletes a team mentality. She states, "They [the team] take pride in being a team and understanding that every area matters."









2018 Girls' Track Team

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The Rock Island Girls Track Team has a tradition of dominating in the Western Big Six. That tradition is carried on under the leadership of Coach Tammy Vesey (Pictured Far Right), who once competed for the Rocks, as well!

Then

Girls Golf

Moving Fore-ward

Q & A

"At the end of our last meet, we all sat around at a picnic bench, talking about how much we would miss playing together."
- Kristina Mathews

"When Kristina did not know what a tent sale was!"
- Josie Pennington

"Emma and Bailey ding dong ditching us the night before WB6!"
- Charly Heber-Spates

"When we stayed overnight in Quincy and all talked for hours in our room until we all fell asleep!"
- Jocee Bloyer

"Swimming with the team at the hotel in Quincy!"
- Emma Beierlein

"Going to the Dollar Tree to get snacks in Quincy the night before WB6!"
- Bailey Tripilas

"Seeing the girls improving scores and winning matches against teams we haven't been able to do for years."
- Coach Shari Thompson

FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM THE SEASON

From the beginning of the golf season, the team had changed quite a bit. New people golfed on Varsity and everyone improved scores throughout each meet.

Josie Pennington, pictured above, had one of the top scores at the Geneseo Invite earlier in the season. The Girls Golf Team placed 5th overall, and had 2 players move on to Sectionals individually.

Meet the Team

Jocee Bloyer

Jocee is a senior this year and this is her first year on the golf team.
"I wanted to try something new, and golf was the perfect thing!"

Kristina Mathews

Kristina is a senior this year and has been playing golf since she was a kid. "I love being a part of this team. These girls make it so fun!"

Emma Beierlein

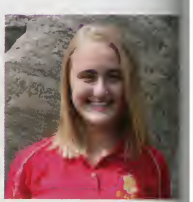
Emma is a junior and has been playing for the past two years. "I enjoy playing because my family plays, too, and I can play with them, too."

Bailey Tripilas

Bailey has played golf all of high school, and is now a junior. "Having a small team keeps us all really humble and close."

Josie Pennington

Josie is a junior and has played for two years. "I joined to learn, improve, and compete in a sport I really enjoyed."



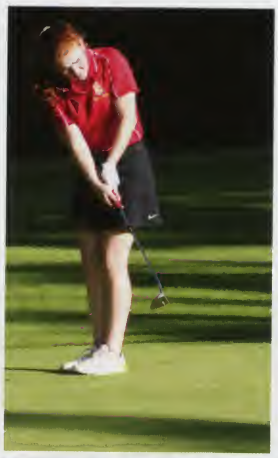
Charly Heber-Spates

Charly is a sophomore and has played golf for the last [illegible] years. "I have always loved golf, but being a part of the high school team made me love it so much more!"

Go ROCKS

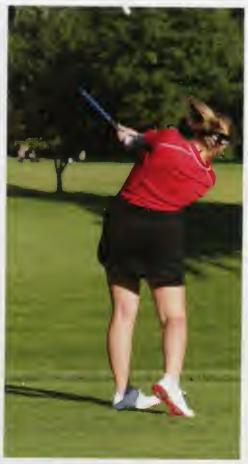
"It was a lot of fun to have the opportunity to play on a college course as a junior in high school."

BAILEY TRIPILAS, 11



"This year was a lot of fun because Bailey came, too, and we both ended up shooting our personal records on the practice round."

CHARLY HEBER SPATE, 10



Front Row: Bailey Tripilas, Abbigale Rasmussen
Middle Row: Jocee Bloyer, Brooklynn Farrance, Emma Beierlein, Maura Chandler
Back Row: Shari Thompson, Charly Heber-Spates, Kristina Mathews, Tim Thompson

The Girls Golf Team had high hopes heading into this year's season. With six returning Varsity players, their goal was to win more meets overall. They accomplished that with a record of 8-6-1 in the regular season. They placed 3rd in the Western Big 6, which has not happened since 2011.

They faced an unexpected challenge from the weather, with four rained out meets. They battled against this by working hard at practice and still consistently shedding strokes off their personal and team scores. They started at a team score of 236 at their first meet, and brought it down to 182 by the Western Big 6 Meet.

Their success this season can be credited to many different factors. "We had senior Jocee Bloyer, who joined the team this year. She continued to improve throughout the season. We also had veteran player, Kristina Mathews, who has played three years and always helps lift the team spirits. Josie Pennington was our number one player all year, with her scoring consistently meet to meet," Coach Shari Thompson reflected.

Coach Shari Thompson

This year starts Coach Thompson's 6th season as the Head Girls Golf Coach. She has had a Sectional qualifier 5 out of her last 6 seasons.

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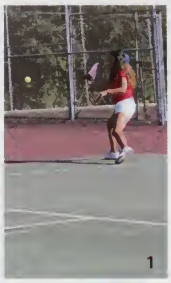
A lot has changed in the Girls Golf Program since 1987. With the girls team having a struggling season in 1987, the girls team now has been skyrocketing forward.

Brett Williams attempts this sure six foot

Then

2018 CAPTAIN

Emily Laughlin 12, returns a forehand at one of the Lady Rocks' home meets. Emily was selected by the team as the captain in the 2018 season. "I have looked forward to being captain since I was a freshman. It was really nice to know that my teammates see the hard work that I have put in, on and off the court, throughout my four years," senior Emily Laughlin says.



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The Lady Rocks had another successful season. The entire Varsity returned for another season, which gave the team some advantages. Each Varsity member had prior experience, which allowed each player to play their best. This year's team had a strong bond, and they had amazing trips to both Springfield and Edwardsville, Illinois. Senior captain, Emily Laughlin says, "Finally, after four years, I feel that we have come together as one team, and not just individual players." At any meet or tournament, you can find each player cheering each other on. The team had a challenging schedule, but through the challenges, they were able to develop their games. Next year may be a challenge, but it is nothing the Lady Rocks cannot handle.

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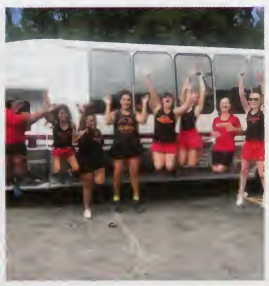

The Team Goes South

The Varsity team competed in the Southern Illinois Duals September 21st and 22nd. The team competed against 3 schools in Southern Illinois. "I liked when the team sang together on the bus in the morning. It made my day!" said junior, Moira Perez.

Same TEAM New Uniforms

Erica Depoorter 12, Emily Laughlin 12, Zoe Veasey 11, Elyse O'Brien 11, Analyssa Hicks 12, and Erin Teggatz 10, show off this year's new uniforms. These photos were taken at the Springfield Invite, and their meet against Sterling, on August 29th. "I love that we really look like a team now, and the uniforms are really cute," says Junior, Zoe Veasey.

1. Junior Moira Perez returns a forehand to her opponent during her doubles match. **2.** Junior Zoe Veasey hits her serve to begin a point during her #2 singles match. **3.** Senior, Analyssa Hicks returns a forehand during her doubles match vs. United Township. **4.** Senior Erica Depoorter serves during her doubles match on Court 3. **5.** Elyse O'Brien returns a forehand to her opponent during her doubles match with partner, Analyssa Hicks. **6.** Erin Teggatz returns a forehand during her #3 singles match against U.T. **7.** The team gathers together before walking in the Homecoming Parade. **8.** Seniors Analyssa Hicks, Erica Depoorter, and Emily Laughlin pose with Coach Gabany and Coach Clough at the banquet. **9.** The final team photo from the banquet on October 9th.

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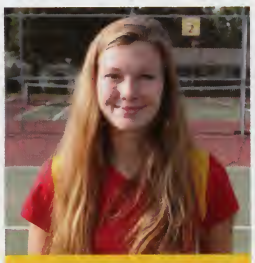
HIT With US YOUR BEST Shot

SENIORS

Emily Laughlin
4 Years on Varsity
"Being on the tennis team throughout high school has taught me how to be a better leader, and to never underestimate anyone, and what they are capable of."

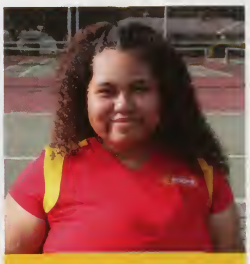
Coach Gabany
Head Coach for 5 Years
"Tennis is not a one size fits all sport. Each player has their own unique approach to the game."

Erica Depoorter
4 Years on Varsity
"Playing tennis has taught me a lot about self respect, endurance, and to never give up. Go Rocks!"



Maddie Lelonek
2 Years on Varsity
"Sometimes you continue to lose, and it's fine."

Sher Nae Paw
1 Year on Varsity
"What I've learned from this year's tennis team is to never give up. In my heart, win or lose, I will always be a winner."



Analyssa Hicks
3 Years on Varsity
"Tennis has helped me to get better with teamwork, eh."

Back Row L to R: Head Coach Chris Gabany, Ashlynn Canfield, Madeline Lelonek, Zoe Veasey, Emily Laughlin, Natella Alieva, Assistant Coach Caitlin Clough. Middle Row L to R: Paw Gay, Eh Lar Say, Lily Paw, Sevilya Alieva, Sher Lei, Moiraann Perez, Spae Htway, Sher Paw. Front Row L to R: Analyssa Hicks, Bell New, Ella Spence, Delaney Hoing, Erica Depoorter, Elyse O'Brien, Erin Teggatz, Min Thaw.

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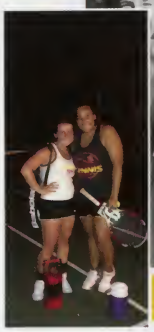
"I am so thrilled to have had both my nieces Emily and Sidney Laughlin play tennis at Rocky. I loved my time on the team during my four years, and am so happy they get to experience the same thing," said Rock Island High School alum Sarah Laughlin Terhune (Class of 1999).



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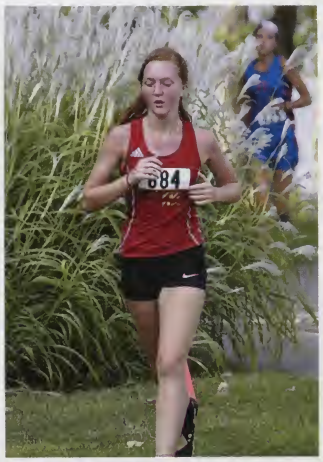
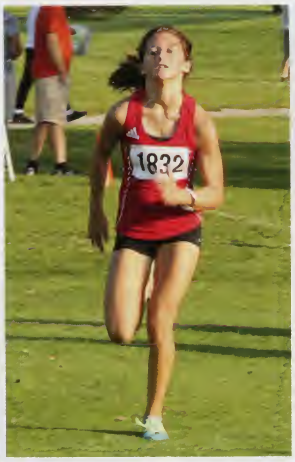
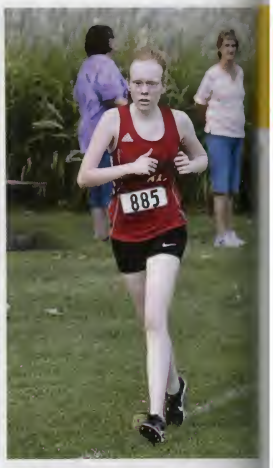
Right: Breanna Homan (12), paces herself while running through Empire Park.

Top Middle: Rebecca Ferguson (9), runs to victory during her first season as a Rock.

Far Right: Victoria LaMay (10), participates in a race at Empire Park.







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Cross Country today continues to be a competitive sport at RIHS. Improving individual times each race has been an important factor in working as a team to finish the race and help the Lady Rocks win!

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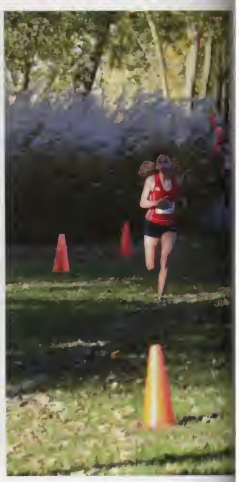


RUNNING WITH THE **ROCKS**

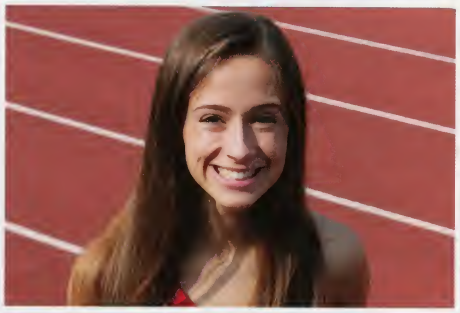
The Girls' Cross Country Team put in many hours of hard work and determination throughout their season this year. With a huge amount of first time runners, the team trained hard to reach their goals.

The team captain, Kayla Canning (12), is very committed to the sport, and knows a lot about racing. She "led with kindness and was helpful and encouraging to all the girls on the team," Coach Williams stated. Kayla said she trained by running "a couple days a week over the summer" and attending "two hard workout days a week" to prepare. Discovering some issues with her health at the end of the season had a big impact on Kayla, but she pushed through, and kept her teammates motivated throughout the rest of their time together.

The biggest newcomer of the group was Gwen Carr. As a freshman, Coach Williams observed that she "led almost every race after the opening competition, and was able to qualify to Sectionals." Gwen also laid down on the course in two races and still finished the competition! She is humble, as she continues to learn how to run on a competitive level. Hopefully, we will see more success from Carr in the future!

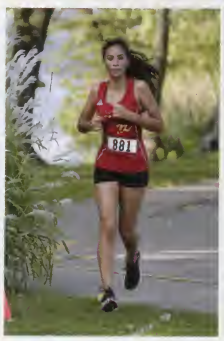
The coach, Susana Williams, stated that the girls "had different experiences with the sport" and that "personal goals helped us to reach our goal of having 5 Varsity runners to compete as a team."

Her favorite memory from the season was "watching many of these first time runners bring down their times by almost four minutes." The team had a strong bond with one another, and will work hard next year to run to victory!



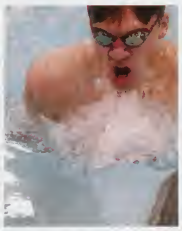
The team captain, Kayla Canning, is a senior this season, and trained hard to accomplish her goals. Kayla states that she "will miss the team and all the friendships I have made." Her favorite memory from her years in cross country was "when my team went to Florida and placed fourth in the ESPN Disney Classic!" Good luck to Kayla in her next adventure!

Addison Price is a sophomore this year, and reached several of her goals this season. Addison says she "enjoys running because it is not only a team sport, but a mental one." She hopes to accomplish more of her goals in her future years!



Senior Swimmers

Many of this year's seniors swam all four years, while at Rock Island High School, and have all learned some valuable lessons over the years.



"I've been swimming since I was really little. It has taught me to push myself and not give up when something is tough. It's a fun sport, and it feels good when you drop time and cheer each other on."

Grant Osborn, 12

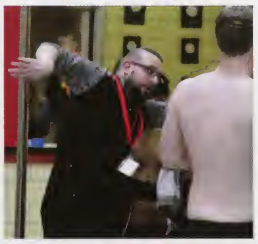
"My favorite part about swimming is whenever I drop time. I have been swimming since freshman year."

Scott Kerno, 12

"I enjoy swimming because I like the people in it. They make it more fun. I have been swimming for 6 years."

Jordan Gale, 12th

Right: Ryan Nickel swims the butterfly in the 200 IM at Rock Island High School.
Far Right: Hunter Straw -Lucas swims the 100 Breast Stroke.
Above: Jordan Gale prepares to start his race.
Directly Above: Payton Cassidy swims the 100 Back Stroke at RIHS.



Far Left: Grant Osborn swims the 100 Breaststroke at Rock Island High School.
Left: Pearce Lelonek swims the 100 Breaststroke at Rock Island High School.
Directly Below: Peh Lay swims the 100 Breaststroke.
Far Below: Jacksen Hansen swims the 100 Backstroke at Rock Island High School.

Building a New Tradition

One Stroke at a Time

It has been quite an interesting year for the Boys' Swimming Team. Many of the boys said the season ended well. The boys placed third in the Conference Meet held at Rock Island High School, and fourth in the Sectionals Meet at United Township High School. At the Conference Meet, Grant Osborn placed first in the 100 Butterfly, Ryan Nickel placed second in the 100 Backstroke and the 100 Freestyle. At the Sectional Meet, Nickel, Osborn, Kerno, and Rettig placed third in the 200 Medley Relay and fourth in the 200 Freestyle Relay. "This year's season has been pretty good for many of the swimmers on the team. The majority of us are making large improvements, which will help set ourselves up for a successful season next year," says junior, Ryan Nickel.

The Coaches

This is Drew Wilson's second year as the Head Coach for the Boys' Swim Team here at Rock Island High School.

Drew is assisted by Tyler Palmer and Diving Coach, Andy Parer.

NOW &

Over the years, the Boys' Swim Team has been very successful by winning their Conference Meet and Sectionals Meet from 1990-1996. This year, the boys had several Conference wins and many more successes though Sectionals, as well as their season, as a whole.

Then

Words of Wisdom

"Tennis is as tough mentally as it is physically. Keeping a level head may be the difference between victory or defeat."
- Coach Gabany

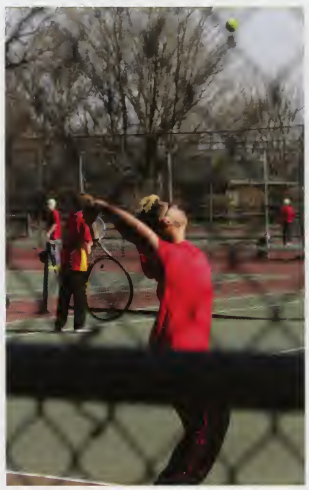
"If I never try to serve harder, I'll never get any better."
- MJ Stern

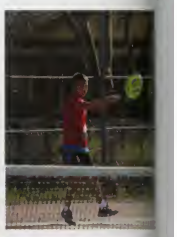
"A reaction to a thing that happened can be more important than the thing itself."
- Kowen Wilhelm

"Try harder, not to just win tennis, but improve yourself, as well. Never give up on the ball, because ball is life."
- Set Aye

"Be happy and have fun. Go out there and do your best!"
- Coach Clough

Back Row (L to R): Christopher Gabany, Eh Yee, Lin Zaw, Cameron Wilhelm, Alban Rachal, Mason Finch, Caitlin Clough, Font Row (L to R): Logan Wyers, Peyton Jones, MJ Stern, Nils Empen, Kowen Wilhelm, Ethan Stephenitch





PUTTING IN WORK ON THE COURT

"I hope to make it to State in the next two years."
- MJ Stern

"I learned tips and tricks to better myself."
- Kowen Wilhelm

"I never gave up on the ball."
- Set Aye

Nils Empen says his favorite memory was, "Cheering with my teammates, as one of our doubles teams made it to the second round of Sectionals."

FAVORITE MEMORIES

Team Leader

Kowen Wilhelm, a current junior on Varsity, was a team captain. He said, "Being team captain is fun because I get to watch the team get better, and learn new tricks every day." The team appreciated everything the captains did for the team. Alban Rachal, a current junior, said, "The team captains helped me become a better player." The Rocks continued to build their leadership throughout the year.

Alban Rachal, explained, "My favorite memory was winning my first match against Alleman."

Current junior, MJ Stern, said his biggest struggle during the season was "using a two handed backhand. So, I use a one handed backhand instead." Set Aye said his biggest struggle, while being on Varsity, was his "backhand shots." Despite these challenges, the Rocks worked to improve and showed growth throughout the season.

Difficult Endeavors

The Rock Island 2018 Boys' Tennis Team had a very fun season. Kowen Wilhelm, was very proud to be named a team captain. He said, "It's fun to watch the team get better and learn new things every day." As a captain, Wilhelm was a role model for other players. He made sure everyone tried their best and worked as hard as they could on and off the court. The team faced many good competitors, but always tried their hardest. Gabany stated some of the challenges were that, "Most of the teams we played had a lot more varsity experience, so we knew some of the opponents that we faced were going to be difficult." Despite the challenges, the memories the players have made have stuck with them throughout the years. Then junior, Alban Rachal said, "My favorite memory is winning my first match against Alleman my freshman year." The returning players, will bring their hard work and dedication to the next season, and bring even more pride to the team.

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One thing that has not changed for Boys Tennis is the great Rocky pride that has been a part of the team. Each year, the teams have been very competitive and won multiple matches. Being a team player is a trait that has been carried out throughout the years.

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The Lady Rocks Softball Team of 2018 are excited to be awarded their Super-Sectional Championship. The Lady Rocks Softball Team of 1987 pose for their team picture. This team includes 2018 pitcher Ashley Peters' mother and 2018 Assistant Coach, Debbie Stykes.

Championship Celebrations

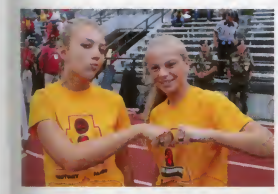
This season, the Lady Rocks went 31 and 5, and made school history more than once. They were the first softball team in school history to make it past Sectionals, and to go on to win a State Title. The team did face some major challenges throughout the season. "The challenge that this team encountered was being consistent throughout the game, also, making in game adjustments at the plate or in the field," says Coach Allison. Though the team faced these difficulties, they still had a blast making great memories. Coach Allison explained that, "My favorite memory would have to be the trips on our run to the State Title. We built memories to last a lifetime."

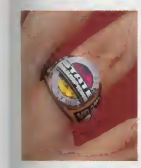
ROCK ISLAND ROCKS
SOFTBALL
1 Raghen Walker SO UT
2 Ali Dillender SR OF
3 Heather Motley SO IF/OF
5 Kaiah Miles JR OF
6 Jacey Upton SR P
7 Abbie Bush JR C/IF
8 Mercedes Hantz JR C/IF
10 Emma Spurgetis JR OF
11 Delaney Kelley JR UT
12 Lauryn Stegall JR SS
15 Sophia Thomer SR OF
23 MacKenzie Melody JR OF
25 Janey Harris JR 3B/1B
26 Sadaya Rodriguez SR 3B
27 Cassidy DeMeyer FR OF
28 Madison Michaels JR 1B/3B
29 Makenna Carothers FR UT
30 Jada Harris JR OF
44 Ashley Peters JR P/1B
HEAD COACH - Chris Allison
ASST. COACH - Deb Peters ASST. COACH - Morgan Twing
#makinghistory

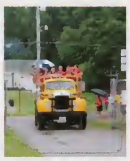
Top: The Lady Rocks line up on the foul line for the National Anthem.

Middle: The Lady Rocks jump together in excitement to celebrate their State win after receiving their trophy.

Bottom: The Lady Rocks gather around home plate to celebrate Emma Spurgetis' home run.

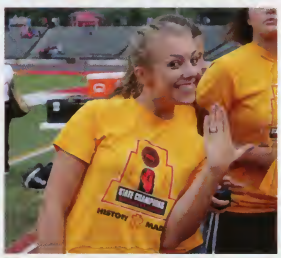






Top: Coach Peters, Madison Michaels, Raghen Walker, Coach Allison, Makenna Carothers, Delaney Kelley, Coach Twing
Middle: Ali Dillender, Mercedes Hantz, Mackenzie Melody, Jada Harris, Abigail Bush, Sophia Thomer, Sadaya Rodriguez
Bottom: Jacey Upton, Lauryn Stegall, Kaiah Miles, Janey Harris, Ashley Peters, Emma Spurgetis

STATE CHAMPIONS



Top: The Lady Rocks infield comes together at the pitcher's mound for a quick time out.

Bottom: Delaney Kelley poses with the Super-Sectionals Championship plaque.

Right Top: Some of the Lady Rocks pose while working a trivia night, which is the only fundraiser of the year.

Right Bottom: A picture of the first place medal awarded to the girls.

Delaney Kelley, Madison Michaels, and Lauryn Stegall were all named as Metro Pacesetters this year.

"What makes me so proud to be a Rock is the tradition that we have and the diversity."
- Delaney Kelley

#1 Raghen Walker
Utility

#2 Ali Dillender
Outfield

#3 Heather Motley
3rd Base/ Outfield

#5 Kaiah Miles
Outfield

#6 Jacey Upton
Pitcher

#7 Abigail Bush
Catcher/ Shortstop

#8 Mercedes Hantz
Catcher

#10 Emma Spurgetis
Outfield

#11 Delaney Kelley
2nd Base

#12 Lauryn Stegall
Shortstop/ Pitcher

#15 Sophia Thomer
Centerfield

#23 Mackenzie Melody
Outfield

#25 Janey Harris
3rd Base

#27 Cassidy DeMeyer
Outfield

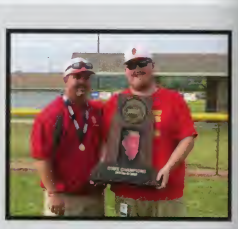
#28 Madison Michaels
1st Base/ 3rd Base

#29 Makenna Carothers
Utility

#30 Jada Harris
Outfield

#44 Ashley Peters
Pitcher/ 1st Base

Sadaya Rodriguez
Team Manager



DJ Jarvis
Book Keeper

Chris Allison
Head Coach

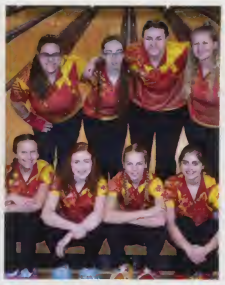
Debbie Peters
Assistant Coach

Morgan Twing
Assistant Coach

Andrew Campbell
Conditioning Coach

JV TEAM

Top Row (Left to Right): Coach Stacy Rohm, Jamayah Winter, Coach Martin Rohm, Kelsey Freeman, Coach Julie Hudnall
Middle Row: Kaylea Roessler, Chloe Killian, Madalynn Brummit, Jayvionna Jalloh, Heather Motley, Breanna Allen
Bottom Row: Amelia Peña, Madysen Richardson, Hannah Close, Lauryn Dempsey, Cassidy DeMeyer



The Lady Rocks at Sectionals

When the girls found out that they were going to Sectionals, they were excited for their accomplishments. As a team, they prepped themselves through practice by working on spares. Sarah Stevanovic even said that the team, "Practiced the night before at the bowling alley where Sectionals were at." Karolina Bergheger stated that the team also had practiced that night "to get used to the lanes."

The tension is high as schools from the Chicago area are great performers during competitions and it would be tough for the girls to make the final cut. However, Kelsey Freeman and Bailey Tripilas say that Lincoln Way East was the team's biggest competitor. Despite their hard work, the girls sadly lost their fourth place position to be able to advance to State.

Starting out, the team had to work hard through a rough patch. Amanda Munson explained she was struggling "at the start, when the lanes were difficult." Heather Motley struggled with "leaving many splits," while Freeman had to deal with "missing many easy spares," which caused the two to have to work even harder to work their way up. To keep herself going, Freeman declared that she, "Kept a positive attitude and continued to bowl consistently throughout the rest of the day."

The girls continued to work hard. In the second game, Stevanovic says that she, "Finally found my rotation," after trying to pull through the first game. The team was able to pick Motley back up, so she could go into the afternoon set prepared. She stated that the team had also been able to shoot a 900 during the beginning of the competition. Regardless of the challenges, Munson still says that, "I am proud of the season, overall." The team was able to still accomplish so much.

Even though the season is done, the girls have big plans for next year. The girls talk of making progress with working more on spares than before. Tripilas even says that she is, "Going to practice more during the off season to get better." Freeman and Motley plan to do the same, so they are prepared for the next season.

THAT'S HOW WE ROLL

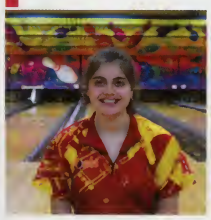
This year, the Lady Rocks improved their dual match record to 8-1 and repeated their Conference placing (2nd), Regional placing (3rd), and Sectional placing (5th). Five athletes improved their averages by 25 pins or more from their averages last year. Coach Braet noted the leadership of captains Bailey Tripilas and Heather Motley, as well as Kelsey Freeman, who "is in her second year on the team, and has been voted the most inspirational for both years." As a whole, the team is very positive and encouraging. Coach Braet stated, "The girls are very supportive of each other and seem to enjoy the bowling experience."

The team was very successful this year. Coach Braet even explained that the season was one of the best he has ever coached. The team worked hard to challenge their opponents, as well as the team's records. The Lady Rocks finished within the top five spots in nine out of eleven tournaments.

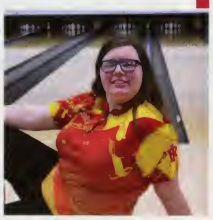
At Regionals, the Lady Rocks finished 63 pins behind the first place team. Heather Motley was the individual Regional Champion for the Rocks. At Sectionals, the Lady Rocks had their best team score throughout the year. The Lady Rocks performed well during the season, with Heather Motley with a 197 season average, Macy O'Mary with a 174 season average, Sarah Stevanovic with a 173 season average, Kelsey Freeman with a 172 season average, Amanda Munson with a 164 season average, Carli Gordon with a 162 season average, Bailey Tripilas with a 159 season average, and Karolina Bergheger with a 150 season average.

Team Highlights

As a senior, what is one thing you're grateful for experiencing throughout the years of bowling?



Amanda Munson
"Overall, just being able to work with my team."



Alyssa Long
"The opportunity to learn how to focus on what I am doing, and to meet new people I wouldn't have met otherwise."

As a coach, what is it like to be in charge of the Bowling Team?

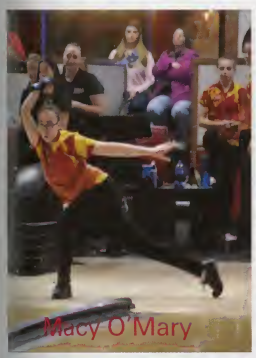
Head Coach
James Braet
"It's been fun all 40 years I've done it, so I enjoy working with the girls, and really seeing the improvement they make."

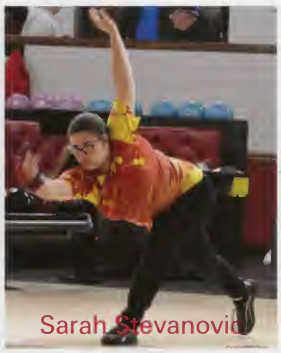
Assistant Coach
Jennifer Sholl
"It's exciting. It's fun working with the girls and getting them better."

What is the biggest responsibility that you are in charge of, as a captain?

Bailey Tripilas
"Keeping the team up if we are not doing well because keeping a good attitude is important."

Heather Motley
"Making sure the team is prepared and ready."


Macy O'Mary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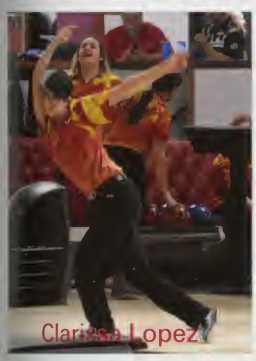
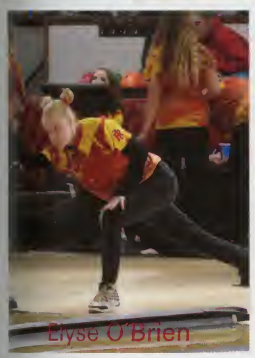

Clarissa Lopez

Payton Fuller


Elyse O'Brien

Karolina Bergheger

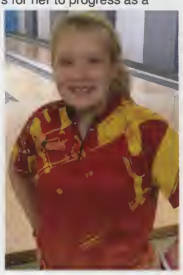
Playing to Win

Arrika Perkins

Perkins isn't settling for her ability to get a 150 within a game. Wanting to be able to strive for more, she has her sights set out "to get a 200" before this season ends. However, if Perkins wants to achieve this, then she says that she'll need to not only "go to bowling practice," but to also "practice on myself." For next year, Perkins' advice for herself to get better and succeed is making sure that she is more focused than before.

Anna Vermeire (Last Row, Second from the Right)

Even though it's only her first year, Vermeire has successfully added on more pins to her average, so that it has gone from a 96 to 114. Vermeire explains her goal is that, "Each time I meet a goal, I make a new goal that is +10 pins from the last." She's not stopping there, as she plans to continue in the future on the team, and experiment to find the best ways for her to progress as a bowler.



Caresse Murphy

Within the first half of the season, Murphy was able to accomplish switching from her backup ball. Her goal for the end of the season is to bowl a 200. Murphy says that she is going to, "Practice on keeping my arm straight and following through," as to fulfill her objective, and to take on her senior year.

Kelsey Freeman

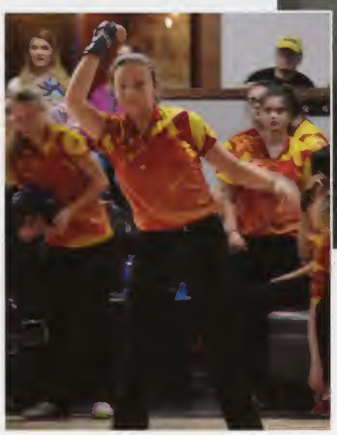
Freeman is going for the gold by shooting for a goal to, "Get a game higher than 210, and to get a 3 game series higher than 600." Her method of successfully obtaining this goal is by making sure she gets a lot of practice. Since Freeman still has another year to compete for the Rocks, Freeman has given her future self advice on doing better. She wants, "Not to get down on myself," so that at the end of the day, she can prosper.

Abagail Thrap

Though scoring "a 170 game at Backyard Bowl" is great for her seasonal record, Thrap doesn't feel as though it's the best she can do. She has goals set for her season, including, "To do better at every meet." Thrap has been working hard to better her game. In future seasons, Thrap will "focus during practice every day." That way, she will be able to set higher goals throughout her athletic career.

NOW &

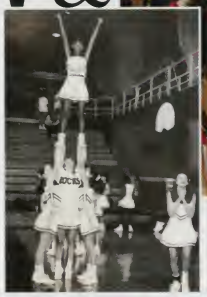
Over the years at Rock Island High School, the Girls' Bowling Team has remained triumphant as strong competitors. They have already successfully made their way to Regionals and Sectionals this season. Like the teams from the 1990s, the girls have the potential to compete at State.



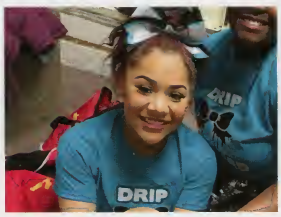
Then

NOW & Then

Cheerleading in the 1980's was not much different than it is today. Cheerleaders still practice difficult stunts and floor cheers, but in recent seasons, a senior night dance has been added to recognize the hard work of the seniors and the rest of the team. Although the uniforms have changed throughout the years, cheerleaders continue to create excitement among the Rocky basketball fans.



Back Row: Miranda Igo, Mackenzie Nightingale, Manirumva Sonia Pamela, Madison Keever
Middle Row: Serah Waqa, Lexaya Kelley, Maleiah Rogers, Kailyn Sanders
Front Row: Yvette Perez-Gomez, Nia Lam

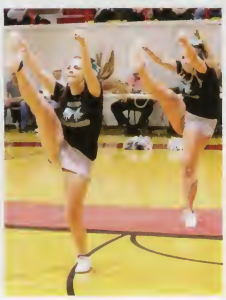


Mackenzie Nightingale

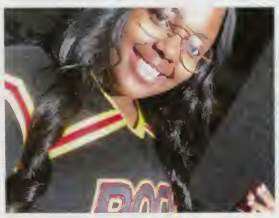
"Cheering for my school and having friends by my side is something that I will miss a lot."

Nia Lam

"I will miss the team bonding pot lucks and hitting stunts the most. I love working with my friends, and getting out of my comfort zone."



Back Row: Mallory Day, Maura Chandler, Donnie Gingry, Kenzie Crimmins, Spiret Rogers
Middle Row: Jusele Irambona, Alexa Avalos, Francisca Ibarra, Crystal Fragogiannis, Zaide Rivera
Front Row: Farrah Kraklow, December Lewis, Mackenzie Kreger



Lexaya Kelley

"I will miss my coaches and cheering with my friends."

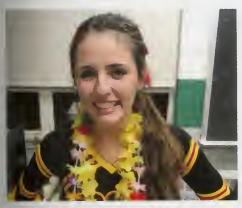
Maleiah Rogers

"I will miss traveling with the team the most."

Cheering for the Rocks

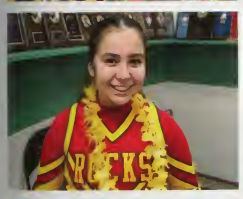
Back Row: Savannah Harding, Jayla Upton, Jaiden Womack, Ricoyah Price
Front Row: Ella Munday, Ma'Kayla Steele, Nevaeh Counts-Jones

Back Row: Mackenzie Walker-Lee, Natalia Salazar, Jazmyn Miles, Alexya Stephens
Middle Row: Mariyam Talybova, Rachel Loomis
Front Row: Emily Hernandez, Rachel Wangler



Myah Awalt, 12

"My favorite part about cheer is getting to support the team with the student section. I love being able to participate in a lot of school functions and being a part of a team."

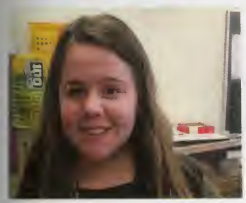


Emily Hernandez, 10

"The relationships I've made in cheer are my favorite part. I wouldn't have met some of my best friends if I wasn't a part of the team."

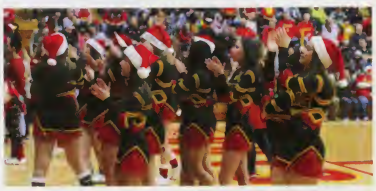
Ashley Johnson, 11

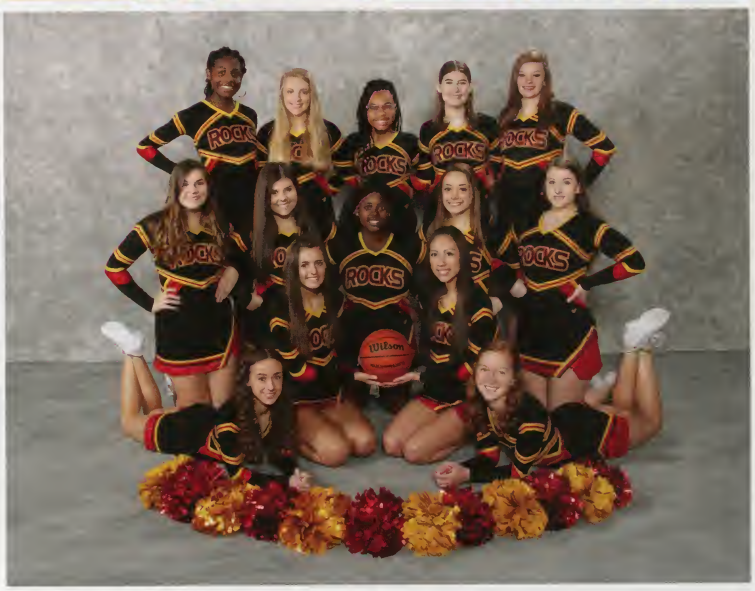
"I like being involved with the school and doing the Senior Night dance with my friends, and the team is really fun."



Jayla Upton, 9

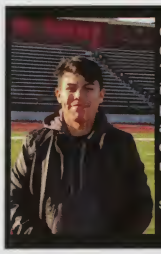
"Being able to spread school spirit during Homecoming Week is my favorite part about cheer. I love making the fans and players excited for games!"





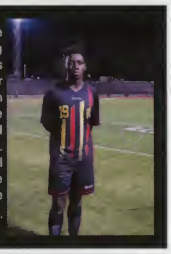
Back Row: Raniese Muskeyvalley, Miranda Banks, Jada Gay, Ashley Johnson, Hannah Knuth
Middle Row: Clair Eastman, Callista Spicer, Adria Scott, Grace Gruhlke, Victoria McLeod
Front Row: Kayla Canning, Myah Awalt, Zaida Bradley, Breanna Homan

Leading With PRIDE



Owen Beltran, Senior Captain, states that "Being an example" is important to his position on the team, and "Making sure everyone is there, ready to go, and at 100%" is a goal he strives for.

"Leadership towards the team" and "Staying positive" during games is quite important to Senior Captain, Jean Nsengiyumva. Having the title of Captain is fun and enjoyable for him. Nsengiyumva is grateful that it's "not hard with the teammates," as they make everything easier.



"We are like brothers and we have a really good bond," declared Isaac Almanza, who is the Junior Captain. He states that being a Captain "is a privilege" to have, and leading his teammates into each game is "really fun."

This season began with a rocky start. "We wanted to build off the last year, in the aspect of getting further in the post-season," Darrick Kent, Head Coach of the Boys Soccer Team, stated. "We fell short this year, and it didn't go as planned." But that didn't stop the team from working hard this year, both on the pitch and academically. They finished 9-11-1, and their Conference record was 2-3. Some challenges the team faced were "being young and undersized," explained Kent. Coach Kent stated that the team was "young, and I think they had to grow quickly." Despite their age, he said, "Being with this group was fun."

The captains were prime examples of leadership, since they were returning veterans from last year's team, who had gained "their experience of being returning Varsity players, that had a lot of time to develop. It was just their turn to show it," Kent says. Newcomers Migambi Athanas, Isaiah Kerr, Jordan Rice, and Osvaldo Perez "learned quick on what it took to be on the Varsity team," Kent explained.

Overall, the season was about learning from their mistakes and getting stronger. The Rocks are sure to continue making an impact in the Big Six next year.

NOW & Then

The RIHS Boys Soccer program has changed a lot since the '87 team, pictured here. Today, soccer has grown to be a very popular sport. The team has won almost half of their competitions, and are one of the most diverse teams at Rocky, as a variety of languages are spoken in the program.

2018 Freshman Team

2018 Junior Varsity Team

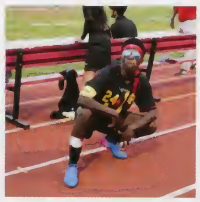
Through Our EYES

Axel Perez (Top) and Logan Pearce (Bottom) strive to fight for the ball against the opposing team.

Watching a game unfold is one thing, but being down on the field while it happens is another. While the Rocks make the game look easy, being on the field is anything but that. Both Logan Pearce and Axel Perez explain their performances on the pitch. Perez explained that he worries about allowing the opposing team to be able to score a goal. Pearce says that he always wants to help aid his team. It is extremely important to the players that the game ends on a high note. Having "control of the game, and doing my very best for my lads" is at the top of Perez's priorities. Pearce believes that, "The most important thing on the field is communication." He says that, "It helps to keep you focused on what you need to do to help the team." The stress that comes from competing is a factor that deeply impacts the players. Pearce explains that, "I try not to think that much, and keep the game as simple as possible." On the other hand, Perez finds that the "things that go through my mind during a game are making the plays right," due to the amount of pressure that could be put on him during a game. One thing is for certain, no one knows the position that someone is in competitively until they experience it for themselves, and the Rocks can always take pride in working their hardest.

Playing POSITIVE

Pressure on the field will always be a factor in the game, especially when stakes are high. It's important to not lose yourself and to keep your composure on the field. However, keeping positive while playing during a game can be exactly what pushes players to keep striving for the goal. The Rocks explain what helps them maintain their positivity.

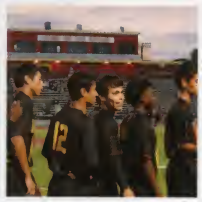


Claude Wizeyimana explains that after he is able to mentally get into the game, he works to "Communicate with the team," and uplift them when a mistake is made. Even if the game is rough, Wizeyimana tells himself that he's "got to work harder to reach the next level."

"Treat others the way you want to be treated," is a saying that Idi Kabura, goes by. It is quite important to him that positivity is kept on the field, so Kabura "makes sure that everybody's happy."

"Go out and do my thing" is something Osvaldo Perez tells himself before he has to start playing on the field. The best way for him to stay positive is to "think about teammates."

Patrick Bilenganya explains that by "encouraging my teammates," he is able to be positive, while on the field. During the season, Bilenganya aims to "keep his composure."



TAKING CHARGE

Varsity:
Front Row (L to R): Jordan Rice, Isaac Almanza, Kisubi David, Libio Vargas.
Row 2: Logan Pearce, Isaiah Kerr, Michael Machuca, Trevor Beckman, Ben Samuelson, Osvaldo Perez, Jean Marie Nsengiyumva.
Row 3: Ceu Bik, Taw Taw, Migambi Athanas, Owen Beltran, Axel Perez, Patrick Bilenganya, Idi Kabura, Nishi Pascal.
Row 4: Coach Rudy Almanza, Coach Darrick Kent, Jay Jayvson, Thar Myint, Fredy Zetina, Assistant Coach Koffi Gbenyo, Assistant Coach Jacob Drailing.

2018 Season

Opponent	W/L	RI	OP
St. Charles East	L	14	41
Metamora	L	14	42
Peoria High	W	27	22
Galesburg	W	43	22
Alleman	W	48	27
Quincy	L	6	49
Moline	L	26	45
United Township	W	42	0
Peoria Richwoods	W	61	9
Richards *	L	0	49

* – Playoff game

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F.O.E.

Family.Over.Everything.

The Varsity Football players started off their training with countless hours of practice and weight lifting to prepare them for the season up ahead. The Rocks went 5-5 this season. Battling hard since week one, the Rocks placed 3rd in the Western Big 6. While the Rocks worked their hardest, their season came to an end in the first round of the playoffs, as they lost to Richards High School. While their season might be over, Rock Island Football will always fight to become State Champions. Coach Hammer's goal in this program is to bring Rock Island High School their first football state championship, and there isn't a thing that Rock Island coaches won't do to achieve that dream. Coach Hammer repeatedly praises his senior players for their "Blood, Sweat, and Tears" they gave all season. The seniors leave this season with the hopes that they have inspired other young athletes to carry on the tradition of Rock Island.

F.O.E. You hear football players talk about it. You see people wear it. It stands for "Family Over Everything." But what does it mean? Coach Hammer stated, "It's simple. Everything you do affects your family. Whether it's your football family, blood family, spiritual family, whatever. If they are important enough for you to call it your family, you put them first in your life. Servant leadership."

NOW &

Then

"It feels great to be a second year starter. I feel like I am just getting better every day and improving my talent."
Davion Wilson, 11

"This season, I gained a lot of knowledge about other positions in football. Coach Joe helped me learn a lot more about the defensive side of the game."
MJ Stern, 11

"By the mighty Mississippi, on a rocky shore, stands the school we love so dearly, now and ever more. Alma mater, Alma mater, we thy children as of old, sing thy praise in song unending, to the Crimson and the Gold. Though the future years may part us, still together now. Faith and love to old Rock Island, ever more we vow. Alma mater, Alma mater, we thy children as of old, sing thy praise in song unending, to the Crimson and the Gold."

- Rock Island Alma Mater -

Traditions at the Rock

"This is a tradition that makes me proud to be a part of this program."

- Donovan Rogers, 11

"This tradition means a lot because it reminds me of what I'm playing for before we start."

- William Maurer, 12

"It gives me time to clear my mind of everything except winning."

- Calin Nevarez, 12

"We have been doing this for a while, and it gives me time to think about the game and what I need to accomplish."

- Ja'Kye Hill, 11

Before each home game, the Varsity Squad is led into the stadium by the drumline, where they touch the rock. This is a tradition dating back generations.

Coach Hammer

"The Rocky traditions are great, but none are greater than the expectation to win. I think the expectation to be successful is a great one, and I am proud to be the coach of a program that expects to succeed."

"Being voted as one of the captains of the Rocky Football Team is something I'm proud of. It is an honor to carry on a long standing tradition. I take pride in being captain."

Aaron Voss, 12

"It is the greatest honor that any athlete can receive. Team captain is voted on by players, the guys that see me day in and day out."

Bryce Trask, 12

"It's really great being named a captain because that means all of my teammates respect me and trust me to do things the right way, and lead them."

Ian Purvis, 12

ONE ON ONE WITH THE CAPTAINS

"Being a team captain means much more than just stitching a C onto your jersey. It means your coach/team sees characteristics in you that mark you out as a good leader, a team player, and someone the rest of the team can look up to."

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ROCKS

Running

Boys Cross Country ROCKS

The 2018 Cross Country season was one of great improvement for Rock Island. In 2017, the team did not have any earned medals. However, in 2018, Donovan Garro and Ben Claude started the season by earning medals for the Rocks. Throughout the season, the Rocks have finished better than many teams during invitational meets, as well. This success has been planned and earned through a lot of training and off season work. Coach Williams stated, "The guys worked hard this season. Many ran in the summer, prior to the season, and a few dedicated runners did long runs on Sunday mornings this fall."

This year, the team was led by captains Ben Claude and Mitchell Grizzle. Donovan Garro and Tony VanDeWalle were also leaders through their racing. The Rocks were supported by Austin Meirhaeghe, Samson Shukuru, and Joe Brune, who were newcomers who impacted the team. Despite the challenges of keeping all of the team in good health, the Rocks have enjoyed significant improvement and success. In fact, Coach Williams cannot think of one favorite memory from the season. Instead, he stated, "There are too many to name!"

Below: Tony VanDeWalle (11) paces himself at the Saukie meet.

Top: Ben Claude (12) sprints to the finish line at the Rock Island home meet.

Right: Jacob Wyers (11) runs past his competitors to finish strong.

Far Right: Roland Ullrick (9) competes in a race at Saukie.

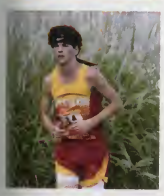
Our Favorite 2018 MEMORIES

"During the meet at Pleasant Valley, we spent half an hour setting up a tent, just to find out the meet was canceled right when we finished."

Aminia Mashimango, 11

"My favorite memory was the final team dinner after the last meet."

Mason Love, 10



"My favorite memory was running in the post-season."

Jacob Wyers, 11

"My favorite memory was finding out that the five of us made it to Sectionals."

Donovan Garro, 10

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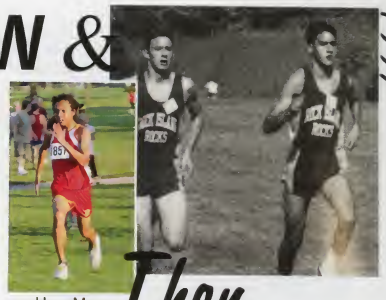

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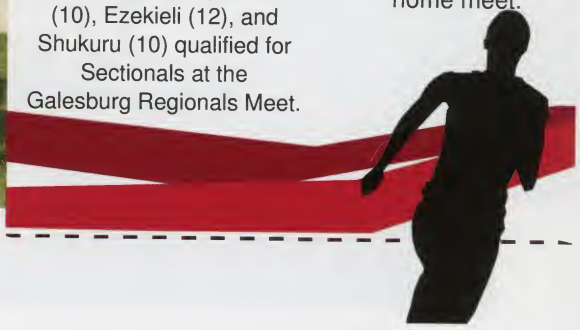
Above: Tony VanDeWalle (11) finished 10th, and earned a spot at All-Conference for the Western Big 6 XC Championship. The boys' team finished the race in 5th place and has a lot of potential in the future!

Front Row (Left to Right): Donovan Garro, Mason Love, Jonathan Knuth, Ni Hae Shee, Dominic Saucedo-Serra, Roland Ullrick
Middle Row: Joe Brune, Samson Shukuru, Isaiah Horice, Jacob Voigt, Aden Farrell, Luke VanDeWalle, Jack Veronda
Back Row: Coach Williams, Aminia Mashimango, Ben Claude, Jacob Wyers, Austin Meirhaeghe,Tony VanDeWalle

Above: This group of XC runners, including Carr (09), Mashimango (11), VanDeWalle (11), Garro (10), Ezekieli (12), and Shukuru (10) qualified for Sectionals at the Galesburg Regionals Meet.

Above: Vyizigiro Ezekieli (12) runs to the finish line at the Saukie home meet.



New Changes
Old Traditions

Varsity Volleyball- Front Row: (L to R) Ella Engholm, Emily Allison, Lexi Thompson, Emma Spurgetis, Janey Harris, Lauryn Dempsey. Middle Row: (L to R) Coach Andrea Parer, Coach Chaise Nache, Alivia Wright, Monica Diaz-Reyes, Kaitlyn Welsh, Manager Kayla Depoorter, Coach Jacqueline Twing. Back Row: (L to R) Coach David Mikaio, Carlee Camlin, Delaney Kelley, Raghen Walker, Hannah Simmer, Manager Alec Straw.

Favorite Memory from the Season

There are tons of memories from this volleyball season. The Lady Rocks experienced a lot of fun activities and have many unique personalities on the team. Below are a few of the girls' favorite memories.

"My favorite memory from the season was the fun bus rides, especially the ride home after we beat Quincy at Quincy."
Lexi Thompson, Freshman

"My favorite memory from the season is beating Quincy at Quincy, and the bus rides after wins with the team."
Lauryn Dempsey, Junior

"My favorite memory from the season is beating Quincy at Quincy, and all of the fun team bonding events we had throughout the season."
Emily Allison, Freshman

Sophomore Volleyball- Front Row: (L to R) Sophia Sigler, Campbell Kelley, Grace Gustafson, Tanyah Nimmers, Alivia Wright. Middle Row: (L to R) Bailey Proffitt, Isabella Allison, Cassidy DeMeyer, Emily Pearson, Mackenzie Brokaw. Back Row: (L to R) Coach Nache Chaise, Lexi Thompson, Maddie Polito, Hannah Close.

Freshman Volleyball- Front Row: (L to R) Ana Lampert, Isabella Allison, Olivia Bowman, Anahi Castaneda. Middle Row: (L to R) Kelly Canning, Mackenzie Brokaw, Arianna McRae, Madison Chastain, Ella Munday. Back Row: (L to R) Coach David Mikaio, Mekayla Welsh, Bri Stewart, Hanna Hultgren, Gabriella Taber, Sophia Sigler.

THE ROCKS IN ACTION

"I grew as a player by gaining more confidence in my knowledge of the game and trusting my teammates and myself more. I accepted my coaches' advice and applied it to the game."
Monica Diaz-Reyes, Senior

"What helped me the most this season was having supportive coaches and teammates to push me to do my best in games and in practice."
Delaney Kelley, Senior

"Going through kind of a slump in the middle of the season made me work harder in practice, and really helped me push through some of my flaws as a player to get better in the end."
Raghen Walker, Junior

"Changing positions and having the whole team have my back and pick me up through everything made me a stronger player. I learned that you can do anything if you try your best and trust yourself."
Emma Spurgetis, Co-Captain, Senior

"Being on Varsity this year was a huge help to improving my game because of the seniors' advice and support. Yeah, we're here and we all grew as a family."
Ella Engholm, Junior

Rocks Under NEW ORDER

Former Rock Island Volleyball player, Jacqueline Twing, has come back to be the Head Coach for the Rocks.

"My first year as the Head Varsity Coach at Rock Island has been my favorite year of volleyball, including being a player at the D1 level and as a coach. I have been able to build relationships with every player in my program, and watch them grow, not only as a volleyball player, but as a person. It has been challenging, but the most rewarding experience. I cannot wait to see where this program goes!"

Jacqueline Twing, Head Coach

FLASHBACK ON THE SEASON

The Lady Rocks Volleyball Team faced some struggles throughout their season. The Rocks tied for 3rd in Conference. The leaders, as Coach Twing explained, "Were all 4 seniors. They really stepped up to helping the younger girls, especially taking the freshmen under their wing, and helped them on and off the court. They acted as coaches on the floor and in the classrooms." Freshmen Emily Allison and Lexi Thompson were talented newcomers, who helped the Rocks with their dominant presence, and ultimately fed off everyone's energy to bring their own. Coach Twing recalls that beating Quincy on the road was the team's biggest accomplishment. She stated, "The girls played error-free and with so much confidence." Coach Twing's favorite moment of the season was playing against Normal West in the Regional Semifinals. "The girls were playing their best at the end of the season, and they did not quit fighting until the end of the match. I was so proud to be their coach that night and every night," Twing stated. Coach Twing hopes that her athletes learn that winning is not easy, and each day you have to wake up wanting to better yourself and your teammates. "I also hoped they learn that they are capable of so much more than they think, and their mindset plays a huge role in that," Twing explained.

CO-CAPTAIN

Carlee Camlin

Senior Carlee Camlin is the co-captain for the 2018 Girls Varsity Volleyball Team. Camlin has been a captain for the last 3 seasons, but has been on Varsity for 4 years. "I enjoy taking on the leadership role and pushing my teammates to be the best they can be, on and off the court," Camlin said. Carlee has committed to play at Bradley University.

NOW & *Then*

From 1977 to 2018, the Rock Island Volleyball Team has come a long way. Many aspects of the sport have changed since then; the position, libero, was added and games are now played to 25 with no cap.

MEET THE COACH

Coach Henry Hall has been an Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at Rock Island High School for the Lady Rocks for 8 years. Coach Hall has been dreaming to be a head coach for the Lady Rocks at some point, and his dream came true. "Our main goal for the season is making it to State on March 2nd, 2019, and we're going to prove to everyone why we're the best team," Hall states.

MEET THE ROCK ISLAND ROCKS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Lady Rocks Freshman Team
Front Row (Left to Right): Sydney Quinones, Namonea Watson, Kaniya Davis, Emily Allison, Uda Kimba, Irene Nzoyitazira. **Back Row (Left to Right)**: Assistant Coach Scott Conner, Brionjanique Stewart, Jada Mars, Head Coach Maggi Voss.

Lady Rocks Sophomore Team
Front Row (Left to Right): Irene Nzoyitazira, Uda Kimba, Kaniya Davis, Brooklynn Larson, Emily Allison, TaNyha Nimmers, D'Leyah Conner, Namonea Watson, Sydney Quinones. **Back Row (Left to Right):** Assistant Coach Morgan Twing, Assistant Coach Scott Conner, Brionjanique Stewart, Jada Mars, Albany Gray, Jamyah Winter, Monea Watson, Head Coach Julie Hudnall.

Lady Rocks Varsity Team
Front Row (Left to Right): Bre Williams, Ella Engholm, Brooklynn Larson, Carlee Camlin, Morgan Freeman, Gracie Sims, Imari McDuffy. **Back Row (Left to Right):** Amelia Peña (Manager), Assistant Coach Larry Hall, Jamyah Winter, Brea Beal, Hannah Simmer, Head Coach Henry Hall, Assistant Coach Shavonne Brewer.

A TEAM: On & Off the Court

The Rock Island Lady Rocks Team, on and off the court, has a great bond. All the girls get along, whether it's at practice, games, or just team dinners. This team's chemistry is very strong. They all work hard together, as a team, and work to solve whatever challenge they face. "They allow themselves to let me push them, and understand what I'm doing," says Varsity Coach Henry Hall. Before games, in the locker room, when the team gets ready, the girls like listening to music and getting hyped. When the coaches come in, the girls like to have rap battles and listen to what the coaches and players have to say. As a team, the Lady Rocks like to see each other succeed and cheer for each other on and off the court, as they all believe in each other. The Lady Rocks have also won Conference for the eighth year straight.The Lady Rocks ended the Conference season 10-0, and ended their season 30-2. The girls won Regionals and Sectionals, but lost in the first round of Super Sectionals.

NOW & Then

The past picture here is the team from 1992. The program has certainly grown since that time. Girls Basketball now is one of the most popular sports here at Rock Island High School.

Memorable MOMENTS

"Being on the bus, playing games, singing karaoke, and just laughing and getting along. Even after bad games or losses, we still managed to support one another."
- Breanna Beal

"The bond we have on the court and off the court is very strong. We all get along well, and it is a very fun team to be a part of because of all the memories we have together."
- Carlee Camlin

Top: Peter Kimba competes in the high jump.
Top Middle: Austin Meirhaeghe runs distance for the Rocks.
Above Middle: Ja'Vonte Rush hurls the discus for the Rocks.
Above: The Rocks compete in a relay.

ROCKY TRACK

SPRINTS FOR TRADITION

Courtney Lindsey races to the finish line.

The Rock Island Rocks had an amazing 2018 Boys Track season. Led by former seniors, Courtney Lindsey and Javontae Rush, the team set new records. Lindsey set new records in both the 100 and 200, with times of 10.44 and 20.94. The biggest struggle for the team was depth. The team showed great strength in some areas, and continued to improve in others. Improving on these areas is a goal moving forward. The team wants to be strong in sprints, jumps, distance and throws. Newcomers Marriyon Rogers, Alex Minani, and Donovan Garro brought new energy and strength to the team. The team was able to finish fourth in the state, scoring 27 points, only one place short from receiving a trophy. Coach Lillis says, "It was a very satisfying season. We had some good athletes and some good veterans."

Above: Donovan Garro runs to help the Rocks in the meet.

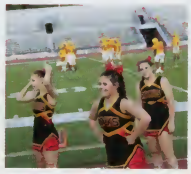
NOW &

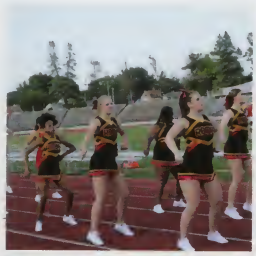
The Rocks' Track Team continues to enjoy a tradition of winning. Under the leadership of Coach Lillis, the team continues to be a top contender in the Conference.

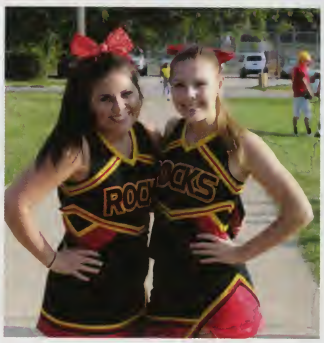
Then

CHEERING *on the* ROCKS

The Football Cheerleading season was one focusing on coming together this year. As always, Coach Larson explained that the team faced the challenges of working together and meshing as a team. Coach Larson stated that the team achieved this and performed well, with a special thanks to the team captains, Mackenzie Nightingale, Victoria McLeod, and Callista Spicer. "They led by helping the underclass squads with cheers and stunting, and the new ones to Varsity," Larson explained. "They [the team] taught all squads how our system works- that all squads are important, whether they are freshmen, sophomore, or at the Varsity level."







Top: Callista Spicer and Kailyn Sanders prepare to cheer on both sides for the Red and Gold Game.

Left: The Varsity Squad cheers at the first home game against St. Charles East.

Mallory Day, Brigitte Pendeza, Jayla Upton, Alexa Avalos, Ma'Kayla Steele, Crystal Fragogiannis, Kenzie Crimmins, Savannah Harding, Paw Law, Farrah Kraklow, Mackenzie Kreger, Francisca Ibarra, Jaiden Womack, Nevaeh Counts, Aaliyah Jackson

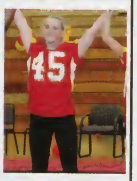
Ella McKinley, Natalia Gabriel, Madison Keever, Rachel Loomis, Irambona Jusele, Miranda Igo, Rachel Wangler, Emily Hernandez, Serah Waqa, Spiret Rogers, Keke Washington, Zaide Rivera, Alexya Stephens, Jazmyn Miles, Donnie Gingry, Mackenzie Walker-Lee

FOOTBALL CHEER

Top Row (Left to Right): Miranda Banks, Ashley Johnson, Raniese Muskeyvalley, Kailyn Sanders, Jada Gay
Middle Row: Victoria McLeod, Zaida Bradley, Callista Spicer, Lexaya Kelley
Bottom Row: Mackenzie Nightingale, Clair Eastman

CAPTAINS

Callista Spicer
"When I was a little girl, I looked up to cheerleaders at games I went to. Now, being given the opportunity to be on the team and be involved with school functions, and being able to show our school spirit during parades, assemblies, and most importantly Friday night games, is a dream come true. Being a cheer captain makes all of these events and being a cheerleader better."



Mackenzie Nightingale
"As a senior, it is nice because you already know everything, and get to teach the new ones."

Victoria McLeod
"One thing I like the most about being a part of the cheer squad is how involved we are in the community. Cheering in parades, hosting pancake breakfasts, cheering on runners in the QC marathon, and especially cheering Friday nights. One thing I look forward to this season is the bonds we will make. Already, we are more of a team and we will get along, which makes the games and practices more enjoyable!"

The cheerleaders put in work over the summer when they cheered on the State winning Softball Team!

NOW &

The Rocks 1977 Cheer Squad stunts for a picture, while the Rocks of 2018-19 stunt mid dance for the Homecoming Assembly.

Then

Special OLYMPIANS

This year, the Rock Island Rocks Special Olympics Team has had a great season! Coached by Jeff Martens, and assisted by many staff members in the Special Service Department, the Rocks have beaten many of their opponents, and even won a tournament! The Rocks won their first tournament in Canton, and were named the Student Athletes of the Month after their win by the Athletic Department. Coach Martens complimented his players, stating, "They all have big hearts and give their all every practice and game." The team also got to play in front of a packed crowd at Wharton during the Rock Island and Moline game.

The Rocks also compete in bowling, track and field, and bocce ball. Good luck, Rocks!

SHOOTING FOR THE SKY

The Rock Island High School Special Olympics Team takes part in a group huddle in their first basketball game, where they had a win against Moline High School's Special Olympics Team.

Suiting Up for the ROCKS

What was your favorite part of playing?

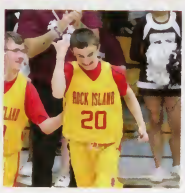
"Playing basketball, working as a team. As they say, teamwork makes the dream work!"
Kaha Sakho

"Shooting the three pointers!"
Colin Benisch

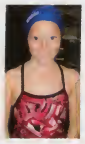
"Playing with my friends."
Jamarion Catchings

"Making jump shots and passing the ball to my teammates."
Drew DeMarlie

"It's fun and exciting to be on the team. It's an honor."
Messiah Muhammad



Mikayla DePover,
12th Grade,
11 Years Swimming



Maria Quilty,
12th Grade,
10 Years Swimming

Madelynn DePover,
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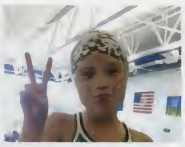
Anna Rowell,
11th Grade,
9 Years Swimming



Tristan Lambert,
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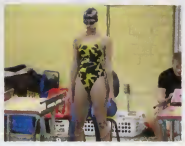
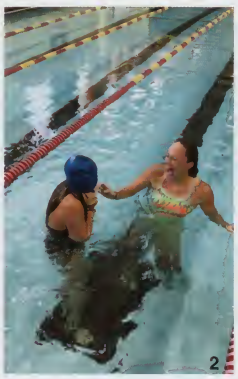


Back Row (L-R): D. Busch, A. Smith, J. Parks, T. Lambert, K. Cassatt, A. Rowell, E. LeVan, H. Burroughs, J. Gale, A. Parer, Third Row: A. Reynolds, A. Smithson, V. Holland, L. Hickenbottom, A. Cortez, A. Gunter, A. Roos Second Row: H. Roos, R. Rocillo, M. DePover, M. Amezola, O. Sholl Front Row: M. Quilty, Mi. DePover, G. Gruhlke, A. Gosney

New Memories, Same Traditions

The Girls' Swim Team has so many traditions and memories; old ones, new ones, and some really interesting ones.
1. Maria Quilty, Mikayla DePover, Allyson Smithson, and Olivia Sholl broke the record for the 200 Medley Relay at the Conference Meet at UTHS.
2. Maria Quilty and Mikayla DePover, pictured with a cap over her face, laugh and have a good time after practice.
3. Madelynn DePover and Anna Rowell smile, as they prepare to swim at the Sterling Dual Meet.
4. Tristan Lambert severely sprained her ankle this year, and was unable to swim for a month.



1. Ella McKinley does a back dive into the water at Augustana College.
2. Mikayla DePover swims the 100 Butterfly at Rocky.
3. Anna Rowell competes in the 200 Individual Medley at Rocky.
4. Madelynn DePover swims the 100 Breast Stroke at Rocky.
5. Olivia Sholl competes in the 200 Individual Medley Relay at Rocky.
6. Maria Quilty swims the 100 Backstroke at Rocky.
7. Valerie Holland performs a back dive at Augustana College.

Conference Week Themes

Day 1: Twin Day
Madelynn DePover
and Anna Rowell

Day 2: Tie Dye Day
Maria Quilty
and Olivia Sholl

Day 3: Black Out Day
Allyson Smithson,
Alexis Reynolds,
and Mikayla DePover

Day 4: Disney Day
Jenny Marceleno,
Laci Hickenbottom,
Abbie Roos,
and Haylie Roos

Day 5: Team Shirt Day

Looking back on this year's season, the Rocks had many goals and accomplishments. The girls aimed to achieve second at Conference and fourth at Sectionals, and to have two swimmers make it to State, all of which they achieved, plus some. Maria Quilty made State in the 50 Free, with a time of 25.21. Mikayla DePover won the 100 Breast Stroke, with a 1:05.27 and the 100 Butterfly, with a time of 57.70, both of which she swam at the State Meet. Olivia Sholl, Allyson Smithson, Mikayla DePover, and Maria Quilty's 200 Medley Relay also made it to State, with a 1:50.30, which also broke the school record. At the State Meet, which was held in Evanston, Illinois, Quilty got her personal best in the 50 Free. This season, the team had new coaches for both Varsity and Junior Varsity. The coaches brought the team together. Team Captains, Mikayla DePover and Maria Quilty said, "The team feels like a second family because we spend so much time together in and out of the pool." The girls truly swam with a Heart of Crimson and Pride of Gold.

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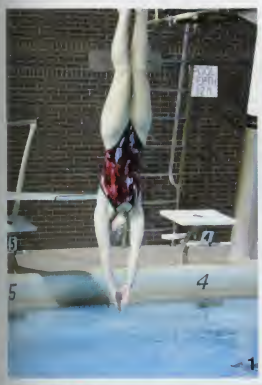
Then

A lot has changed between 1995 and 2018. Since then, the Girls' Swimming and Diving Team got new blocks, broke numerous records, and have seen many coaches come and go.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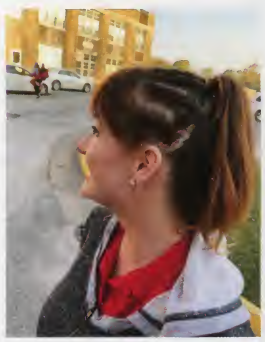
Coach Busch enjoys the tradition of spaghetti pizza with the swim team at Angelo's Delivery, after the Sterling Invite.

Coach Parer shows off his shark costume at the Rock Island Sectional Meet.


Coach Ashley shows off her corn rows for the Conference Meet.

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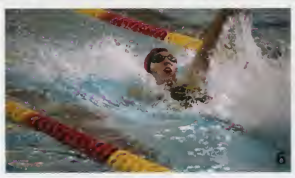
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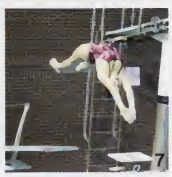
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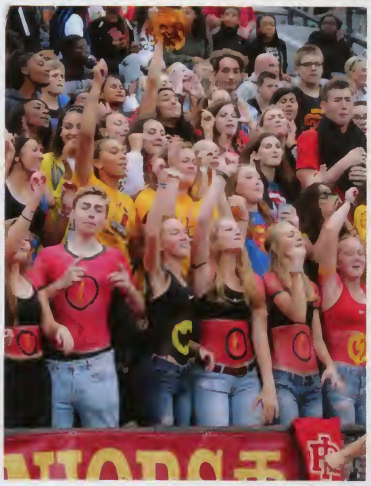

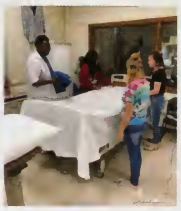

Rocks BECOME Journalists

A closer look into Journalism and what it takes to be on the Yearbook Staff

Journalism is an English elective offered to juniors and seniors to give them a taste of what it is like to be journalists. Students work to write articles, take photos, and document Rock Island history through the yearbook. In the spring, students work to put together documentaries and creative ways to tell the school's stories. Through this class, students can learn to appreciate journalism and understand why America needs Journalists.

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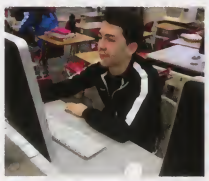

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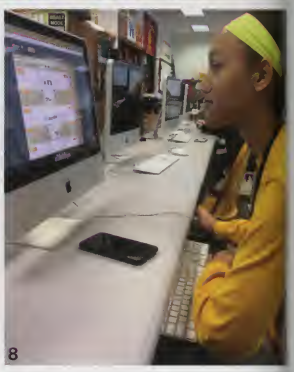
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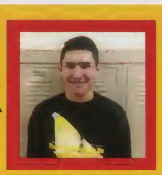
1. Senior, Michael Myers, works to finish the yearbook . **2.** Senior, Shelby Haney, looks at last year's book while designing her pages. **3.** Juniors, Morgan Freeman and Armonni Parks work on their yearbook spreads and articles. **4.** Senior Erica Depoorter and Junior Kylie Harrington search through old yearbooks to find inspiration. **5.** Seniors Corina Castaneda and Mirsa Boyer spend time designing their spreads. **6.** The 1st hour Journalism class relaxes a bit now that they finished the yearbook. **7.** Fourth hour Journalism shows off the past books they used to help finish this year's yearbook. **8.** Junior, Morgan Freeman browses the pages of the 2018-2019 yearbook.

Yearbook Editors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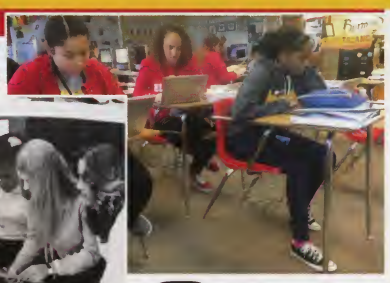
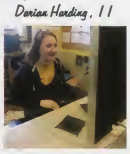
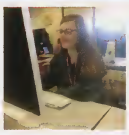
NOW & Then

The 2019 yearbook staff is very similar to how it was in the past. Both love making the yearbook and enjoy being a part of publishing the year's memories for their classmates.



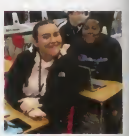
"I like working on the yearbook with my friends because we're impacting our classmates' lives through the yearbook."
Dorian Harding, 11





"I like getting to know more people in the school and designing pages in the yearbook!"
Hannah Knuth, 12

"I like the environment and being able to have some control over what goes in the yearbook. I get to be creative."
Morgan Harty, 12



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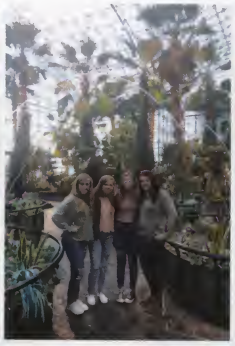
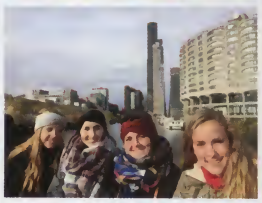




Journalism Education Association Conference

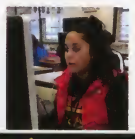
Senior Emily Laughlin and Juniors, Ellie Maranda, Emma Beierlein, and Hannah Drish all attended the Journalism Education Association Conference, November 1st - 4th, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. While attending, each journalist attended classes to learn how to become better journalists and make a more inclusive yearbook. When they weren't attending classes, they had the chance to explore the city around them.

Anna Rowell | Emma Beierlein | Larissa Pothoven | Donell Clark | Amelia Pena | Ellie Maranda | McKenna Chastain | Carlee Camlin

"Journalism allows me to express my creativity and to be a part of new experiences."
McKenna Chastain, 12

"Journalism is a fun, creative class. It gives you the chance to meet new people and learn all the different aspects of Rocky."
Larissa Pothoven, 11

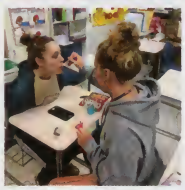
"Journalism allows our students to have some sort of say in our yearbook, and experience new skills within our community."
Amelia Pena, 11



a different approach at an English class

A Visit from Tahera Rahman

Journalism students got the chance to meet Tahera Rahman, a reporter on WHBF News. She is the first female Muslim, full time broadcast journalist to wear a hijab while on air. She spoke to the students about some challenges she faces as a journalist and why journalism is so important to our world, now more than ever. She offered great advice to our aspiring journalists.



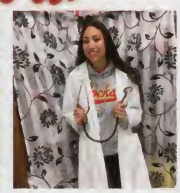
Preparing for our FUTURE

Learning CNA in one word

Christina Fisher
Propitious
"Being in this class gives me chances to do what I want in the future."

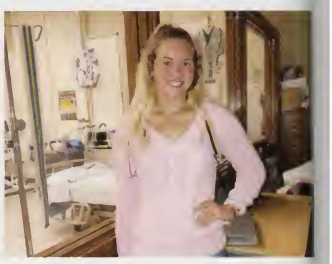
MaKayla Chandler
Inspirational
"Not only am I helping the elderly, but I'm inspiring other young men and women, too."

Sydney Best
Interactive
"Everything we do in the class is very hands on."



Zaida Bradley
Helpful
"We learn lots of skills that will help us when we are actually in the medical field."

SENIORS in CNA



Mackenzie Nightingale is a senior in the CNA class.
"I love the CNA class because we all come together and help each other out. I get to enjoy the class with my friends. I like how it's preparing me for my future career. I'm excited for clinicals and working with patients."

My FUTURE PLAN

The CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) Program is a program for students to see what it's really like in the medical field, and maybe even get a head start on their future careers in medicine. Students learn how to do CPR, take care of patients, and how to manage their time with all of the hard work.This class has a lot of hands on activities, and is a great class for students who are planning on continuing in the medical field. Some advice from Mrs. Stribling, for future students and current students, is, "Keep your grades up, have good attendance, and take Medical Terminology, Biology, and Introduction to Healthcare."

Emma Spurgetis is a senior in the CNA class.
"I took the CNA class because I've heard very good things about it, and also, I've known for awhile that I want to go to college for nursing. I want to get into Oncology and work with cancer patients. The hardest thing for me, right now, is the testing, but overall, the class is even better than what I expected it to be. I love how we get to do hands on activities and work with the other students."
Emma will be attending Millikin University, studying nursing.

Reagan Scheper is a senior in the CNA class.
"I feel like the CNA program is preparing me for my future and giving me a head start. I like how we do hands on activities. I am excited to be certified at the end of the school year."

NOW &

CNA class is still a class that is preparing students for their futures, and letting them get a head start in their careers in the medical field.

Then

Senate Seniors *Reminisce*

"I will miss being a part of something fun with all of my friends, and I liked being involved in activities that made high school more enjoyable."
- Kya Burkhardt

"Through my years in Student Council, I really liked being involved in the school, and helping to bring back some Rocky pride."
- Kayla Canning

"I will miss coming together to do fun jobs, and talking about what needs to be done."
- Donell Clark

"I love how involved I get to be. Even if I don't go to Homecoming, I still get to be a part of the night by planning or setting up. I enjoy the fact that I have a voice and that my ideas are heard."
- Kayla Depoorter

Senior Senate members pose for Class Color Day of Homecoming Week.

ROCKY *Gives*

The 2018 Fall Blood Drive was a success! With over 100 donors, Student Council collected 400+ blood products for local hospitals and blood banks.

THE *HUNGER* DRIVE

During the 2018 Student Hunger Drive, Rocky's Student Senate set new goals, in order to collect a huge amount of food! A main goal was to fill Mr. Whitaker's office with cans. He promised to dress up as a superhero, if the goal was reached. The group attended the Hunger Drive Kickoff at the Riverbend Food Bank, and returned a month later to drop off all of the boxes, full of cans. The Rocks collected 12,297 lbs. of food, which is a 21% increase from last year!

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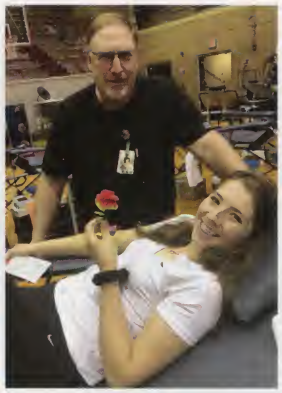
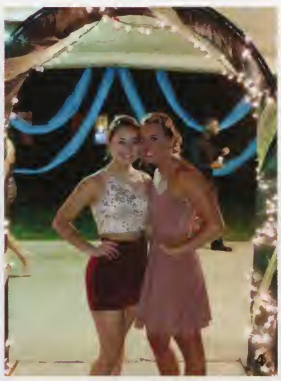
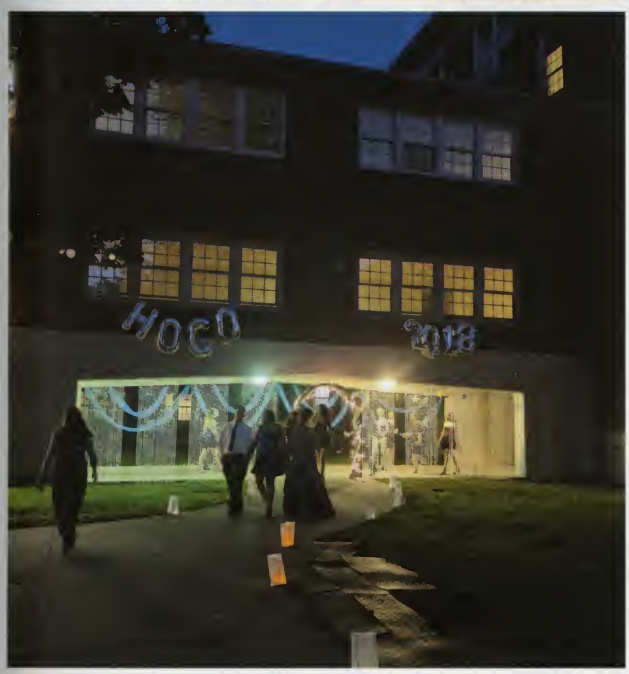
The junior Student Senators of 1983 are pictured here. The duties of Student Council have remained the same, but the organization has grown in size throughout the years. From planning Homecoming to donating blood, Rock Island StuCo has shown outstanding pride in everything they do!



New LEADERS

Rocky teachers, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Mertel, took on the role of Student Council advisors for the 2018-2019 school year. They brought fresh and new ideas to the club, and made Student Council better than ever before! The number of blood donors and cans collected for the Hunger Drive shows their awesome enthusiasm for helping the community and RIHS!





For the 2018 Homecoming Dance, the Student Council decided that a change was necessary. The new advisors, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Mertel, along with the rest of the Student Council, thought a "Starry Night" in the Rocky courtyard would make for a beautiful dance. From lanterns hanging in the trees to the twinkling lights and glitter, Student Council made the 2018 Homecoming one to remember!

Student Council's StarryNight

StuCo MEMORIES

"I like getting involved with the school, helping out with blood drives, and contributing to the school dances."
Maura Chandler, Grade 10

"I enjoy being on all of the committees and being involved. I think it's a fun experience to be behind the scenes of the Hunger Drive, blood drives, and Homecoming!"
Kailyn Sanders, Grade 11

"Homecoming Week is my favorite. I love being able to be a part of the dance, assembly, and also having a say in the themes for the week."
Maggie Honeycutt, Grade 11

"My favorite part is being able to have a voice in my school and being able to share my ideas and other students' ideas to make Rocky better."
Ella Munday, Grade 9

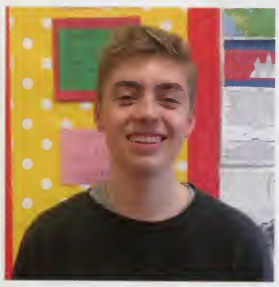
NOW & Then

French Club officers pose with advisor, Madame Bouchareb, outside the Figge Museum after their field trip. All three students have taken French for all 4 years of high school.

Changing Cultures Unchanged Friendship

Emily Jansen President-
"I like being able to immerse myself in French food and culture and all the opportunities our advisors set up for us to be able to do that."

Emily Laughlin- President
"I enjoy being in French Club and being able to experience French culture right in Rock Island."



Grant Florence- Vice President
"French Club has enriched my foreign language education by furthering my understanding of French customs, art, and cuisine."

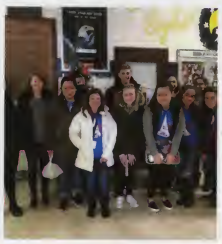
Monica Diaz- Vice President
"I like being in French Club because I am able to hang out with all different types of people and bond over something we all like."

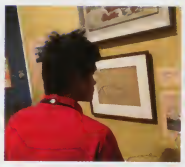
French Club Goes to the Windy City

The club took their yearly trip to Chicago on May 11th, 2018, and had a lovely day at The Art Institute of Chicago and exploring downtown. While at the Institute, members got to see art by French artists that were several hundred years old. This trip is truly enriching to what students have learned in the classroom.

New Shirts

French Club collected orders for their new t-shirts for the few weeks following Fall Break. The shirts will be worn to show their French pride during the school day and on field trips.





Eh Yee, 11

Melanie Wallace, 12

French and the Figge

The French Club took an afternoon field trip to the Figge Museum on November 7th to see their exhibit on French Moderns. The exhibit had paintings from artists such as Henri Matisse and Claude Monet. This exhibit shows the impressionist style artists had during this time.

Halloween

Christmas

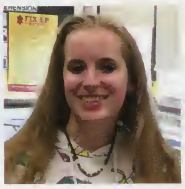
French Club celebrated together for both Halloween and Christmas. At each party, members gathered and shared in delicious food and conversations. Senior, Emily Jansen says, "I like the parties because it is our chance to spend time together."

German Club Picnic -
Calvin Banks (10), Logan Wyers (10), Phoenix Ullrick (11), Larissa Pothoven (11), Olivia Johnson (9), Naoko Sambdman (9), Cody Swisher (11), Ava Miller (12)

Decorating for Homecoming

Playing German Bananagrams

Deutsch Club Leadership



Ava Miller, President

"It's cool to have a fun group of people, who are as invested in German as I am, and I enjoy organizing German themed events."

Calvin Banks, Vice President

"German Club gives me the opportunity to dive further in depth with German language and the culture than I could inside of the classroom. It's also fun to chat with other German students, especially in German!"

Olivia Johnson, Secretary

"I like being in German Club because it allows me to meet students who take German in a variety of levels, and to get closer to the fascinating culture."

A trip to the *Christkindlmarket*

German Club had the opportunity to explore the German Christmas Market in Chicago. They also went to the Museum of Science of Industry, and even got to tour a German U-boat!

Celebrating Oktoberfest

New Shirts!

Left to Right: Roxana, Yasmin, Line, Christoph, Maja, Amelie, Edith, Maike, Amelie, Alicia, Lea, Felix, Tamara, Samuel

Fourteen students from Rottenburg am Neckar participated in the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP), where they were able to live with an American host family for three weeks. During this time, they went to school and traveled to various popular tourist sights in Illinois.

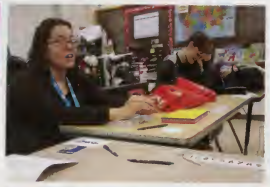
Herr Eli, the leader of German Club and head of the GAPP exchange program at Rocky, said, "Our students get to live the language while they are in Germany, and then the German students get to live our language while they are here in the Quad Cities. It's a great way for them to learn about the world."

NOW &

The German Club in 1941 was similar to the club today. They used to "meet bi-weekly to acquaint themselves with German culture and language." Now, German Club meets every other week to do different activities, including trying new foods, playing Bananagrams in German, watching Shrek in German, celebrating Oktoberfest, and decorating the hall for Homecoming.

Then

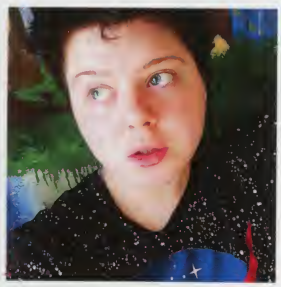
UNIFYING OTHERS



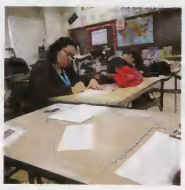
Guest Speaker: One of the biggest events for the club includes bringing in guest speakers, who can speak about the LGBTQ experience. The pictured guest speaker is from The Project, a group that works with STI/HIV/AIDS, and works with LGBTQ communities. The guest speaker spoke about new LGBTQ resources for the area, and what students can do as a GSA, like get together with local area's Gay Straight Alliances.

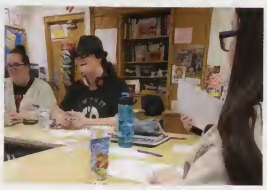
S.O.U.P. has been an RI organization for awhile. The 2003 picture compared to the 2018 picture shows how much the club has changed since its start.

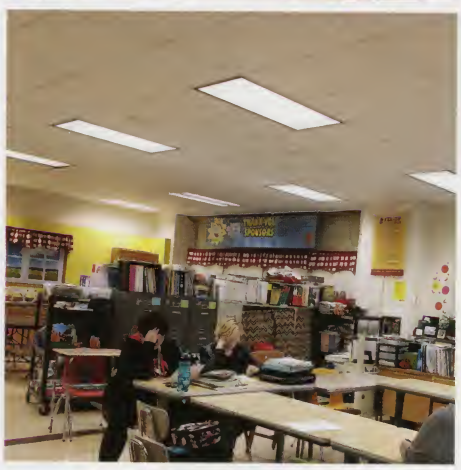
NOW & *Then*



Mural: Vincent DeVore, a local artist at Rock Island High School, painted a beautiful mural to represent the S.O.U.P. Club and what the group stands for. Vincent, a S.O.U.P. member, is passionate about his artwork. Vincent discussed the idea with Ms. Miers, and she thought it would be a good idea. The mural showcases the club's goals of inclusivity and acceptance of all people within the Rock Island High School community, and beyond.





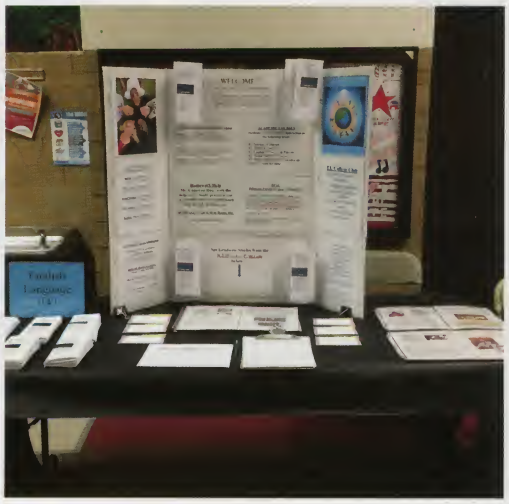


Students' Organization of Unified People (S.O.U.P.) is an LGBTQIA club, where people who are LGBTQIA and people who are allies for the LGBTQ Community come together for those "Who actually care about the LGBTQ community," Vincent DeVore, a two year member and the current leader of the club, explained. The club always welcomes new people, who want to join. "The club has a very welcoming vibe, and it feels like we're all being given a platform to share whatever is on our mind," Jasmine McAfee, a new sophomore member in the club, stated. The club provides students with an accepting environment, as well as support. "We had a student who identified as gay. I wanted a safe place for our students to hang out if they identified as LGBTQIA or an ally for those students," stated Ms. Miers, the advisor of the club. Miers wanted those students to feel some security and have that safe place in Rock Island High School, which is the main objective of the club.

EL COLLEGE CLUB

Preparing FOR THE Future

The EL College Club focuses on helping senior EL students explore the educational or training options available to them after they graduate. Throughout their time in the club, students decide if they want to look into college or training school, apply for FAFSA and complete scholarship applications, go on a tour of Blackhawk College, take placement tests, apply for college, register for classes, obtain bank accounts, and learn how to get transcripts for college. By the end of the year, all they have to do is send their transcripts and wait for orientation. Club advisor, Mrs. Schrup says, "The students come to believe that they can, with continual effort, complete college and enjoy a career doing what they love, and make a solid income from that." Once the students graduate, their pictures and stories are placed on the wall to celebrate all that they have accomplished!



Knowledge IS Power

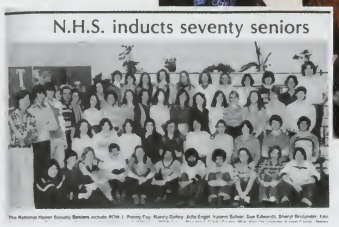
The National Honor Society is an organization for academically excelling students. This organization allows students to contribute to their school and community through volunteer work. NHS president, Htoo Htoo, a senior member, states, "I wanted to be a part of the NHS because I felt like it would give me an opportunity to step out of my shell." As a leader, Htoo makes sure people get their volunteer hours done and presides over meetings.

Senior Tayler Seibel, a member of the NHS, states, "I enjoy the volunteering because you never know what volunteering you're going to do. This year, I volunteered to set up for the local Grand Prix, then to clean it up." Tayler also recommends the NHS to underclassmen because it not only looks good on an application, but you can also make friends and better your people skills.

An advisor of the organization, Mrs. Hayek, says that NHS is "not an organization anyone can just get into" because students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be willing to volunteer their time. The biggest goal for the 2018-2019 school year for NHS members is for its members to continue their tradition of excellence and volunteerism.

NOW & Then

Service, character, and leadership have been qualities of NHS members since the group's start.


N.H.S. inducts seventy seniors

"What I like most is that it gives people a chance to be recognized for all their hard work, and I like how we're required to do community service and give back to the community." -Htoo Htoo, NHS President

Now & Then

The 18'-19' Drama Club members display the same amount of fun energy as their counterparts from 30 years ago.

Meet The Techies

Previously unrecognized as a branch unto its own, the newly organized group of technicians is led by student managers, Kyle Waggoner and Charles Murphy.

BIG STARS WITH EVEN BIGGER DREAMS

"I would love to do any type of theater after high school, especially musicals. I love to dance and sing and act, and that is all provided with musicals. Broadway is always the goal."
Anna Rowell, Junior

"I plan on starting with film and acting, and then more on musicals. Later, I will make my own music. I won't stop until I'm the biggest and strongest person I can be."
Demario Rankin, Sophomore

"I plan on going to school for Musical Theater. I will be doing a lot of theater activities in college."
Kameron Roberts, Senior

"After attending Blackhawk for 2 years, I plan on transferring to NIU to get a FBA in Musical Theater, and also a teaching degree because I plan on being a high school director."
Kalangilo Davis, Senior

"University of Texas has a really nice theater program, and I want to be in shows there."
Gwendalyn Waggnoner, Junior

OUR VERY OWN...

ROCK ISLAND COMEDY SPORTZ TEAM

In only their second year, Rock Island High School's Comedy Sportz Team has grown by almost three times in members! Displaying quick wit and lightning fast humor, these teammates are ready to take on other schools!

Drama Troupe #5709

Despite the ever-shifting casts and crews involved in a year of diverse performances, the club always stays true to the pride, friendship, and dedication of their crafts. Board member Gwendalyn Waggoner described the Drama Club best when she said, "We are not just a club; we are safe haven and a family."

Calling all actors, directors, producers, stage hands, technicians... anyone at all!

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Above: Mr. T and the pit dress up for Spirit Week, leading up to the show dates. Taylor Sierens (12), stated that, "The pieces are the hardest music any student has played," and that, "It was cool to see what goes on behind the scenes of a production."

Right: Vincent Freiburg (Heinz) gets his pants pulled off by Charles Murphy (Sid). The waistband was defective because the girls sabotaged them by putting 2 threads in each button.

Below: Katie Moore (Gladys), Kayla Rohr, Michael Elston, Demario Rankin, and Hannah Knuth performed for the Union. The dance, according to Knuth, "explains injustices in the factory" and got the crowd to "feel the heat."

SENIORS *Sign* THE WALL

For those in Drama, signing the wall is a significant way to end high school for the seniors. During Emily Painter's (12) freshman year, it symbolized "Being a part of a community that seems like family." Now being a senior, "It means a lot, pushing though and working as hard as you can to get there," Painter explains. The seniors who sign the wall have put in 4 years of hard work, as they are "leaving a legacy."

Above Left: Kameron Roberts (Prez), and Montana Hogan (Mae) discuss their troubled relationship with each other. "Prez sang the song to get the ladies to like him," said Kameron Roberts (12).
Above Right: Factory employees speak up for a pay raise, due to unfair working conditions. Anna Rowell (11), stated that the protest was for the workers who did not want to be "pushed aside any longer."

"Racing with the CLOCK"

The 2018 Drama Department presents *The Pajama Game*

The 2018 musical, *The Pajama Game*, offered enjoyment for all ages. With hard work and determination, the directors, cast, and pit created a production that left the audience cheering.

The head director, Dori Foster, explains that a musical production is "a gift to ourselves and to the audience." It also gives students a chance to develop "friendships and a creative outlet." *The Pajama Game* was a show that encouraged emotional connections.

At the end of the musical season, "most people cry that it is over," Foster stated. She describes that, "It's not always about what show we do, but how we do it." During any production, members create a bond that is unable to be broken. After spending long rehearsals with each other, differences are put aside and relationships are formed within the pit and the cast.

The amount of time a musical production needs is "more time than other people are willing to give for the pay," Foster states. The students and directors try to keep a positive attitude during practice, even when it becomes stressful.

The Pajama Game was an energetic and timeless production that those involved, along with the audience, will always remember.

Show *Circle* Traditions

"Our circle is a tradition that can never be replaced. It represents a family atmosphere that everyone involved has created."
- Hannah Knuth, 12

"The pre-show circle symbolizes the unity and vulnerability that we have with each other."
- Vincent Freiburg, 12

"Circle brings everyone together while creating a safe space."
- Montana Hogan, 11

"Holding hands with each other is a really cool moment and is very powerful."
- Demario Rankin, 10

"Circle is the actual beginning of the show. It is not a performance without it."
- Itangishatse Bujeni, 10

NOW & Then

These pictures both have their own story. In the 1997-98 yearbook, this picture shows a past production from the RIHS Drama Department. Finding a picture from an old yearbook was difficult because musicals were not always featured until recent years. A production back then had the same traditions that are continued today. For several years, the musicals have been traditional ones that attract crowds of all ages, just as they did in previous times.

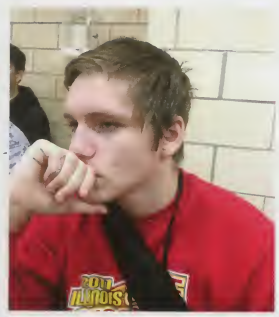
FALL PLAY

THEATRE FEST

This year is a special year for the Drama crew, as their fall production, "The Audition" and "Small Actors" were a part of Theatre Fest. This is a huge accomplishment for the Drama Department. The event, produced by the Illinois Theatre Association, took place January 10th-12th, and this was the 44th year of the festival taking place.

ONE LAST TIME

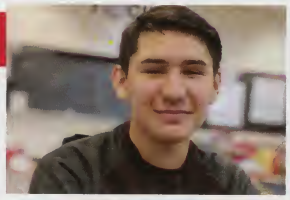
"It sucks. I wish I could be here more, but I'm also excited for what's next!"
- Charles Murphy



"I'm excited because it's my last year, but I'm also sad because I love these people. I'm also proud to see what will happen to the Theatre Department when I'm gone."
- Kalangilo Davis

WORDS OF ADVICE

"If you have an idea, let it out! The stage is a place to make art as a collective, and the more diversity in ideas makes for great shows. "
- Vincent Freiburg



PART OF THE ACT

This year will be Mrs. Dori Foster's 14th year directing/managing the Drama Department, however this year, she took on the challenge of managing 2 plays that she isn't directing. She states, "It'll be a challenge managing two shows not directed by me, but are also preparing to be judged for the festival performance in January," Foster said.

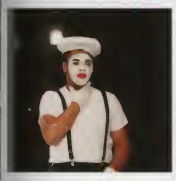
The two plays took only about 90 minutes in total, with a brief intermission between the two. One play was about a girl, who has to lie to her parents about getting a lead role in a play, and the other is about a stage manager trying to navigate through crazy and stressful personalities during a performance.

The change in directing was a new experience for all involved. The plays were student directed by Vincent Freiburg ("Small Actors") and Kameron Roberts ("The Audition"). The students worked hard throughout the first and second quarter to prepare for their performances. The rehearsals started after Labor Day, and the days of the performances were November 1-3, 2018.

Foster advises the new actors and actresses this year to, "Go big or go home." Charles Murphy is someone who knows mostly everyone in the Drama Department because he's been acting for around 4 years. This year is his first time being involved with primarily stage crew. Murphy was very excited for this year with his full time stage crew part, stating, "Lighting is my passion. "He led the crew in building sets, and assisted lighting producer Kyle Waggoner, as well.

The shows could not have been produced without the help of an army, according to director Vincent Freiburg. "Live theater is very, very complex, and for these kids in the cast and crew, some of whom have little to no experience, to do what they did in two months was beyond impressive. I can only be proud."

Throughout the Fall Play, the group was able to involve more students and bring in some talented students to the theater family. "It was great to surround myself with so many talented people," actress and costumer Montana Hogan stated. The plays were not only a great and new experience that broke away from the traditional Rocky fall plays, but the chance to perform at the state level in Theatre Fest is an awesome opportunity that Rocky students have never had the chance to do before.



FAVORITE TRADITION

"Probably circle because everyone grabs hands, and sometimes we cry and talk about how amazing the show is."
- Kyle Waggoner

"Singing Alma Mter during circle."
- Sera Calhoun

"Going out to eat after the show."
- DeMario Rankin

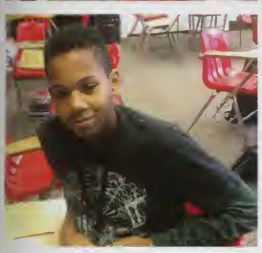
NOW & Then

This year's Fall Play is very different from years past. There were two plays, instead of one, and they were both student directed.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THIS PLAY

"Teaching fresh actors how to have a great performance!"
-Vincent Freiburg

"I find it humorous."
- Nathaniel Rush

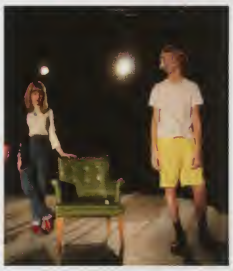


FRESHMEN FIRST THOUGHTS

"I love it. I've been doing stuff here since first grade."
- Kara Baumunk

"I love it! We're all pretty much family. It's a good aspect to have when you have to deal with each other a lot."
- Addison VandeWalle

"It's fun, and definitely stressful. You gotta practice a lot!"
- Tyler Davis



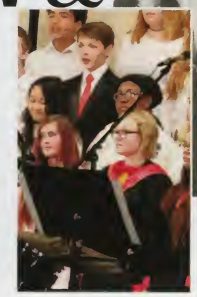
Sopranos & Altos

The Sopranos are lively and enjoy a good laugh. In class, they have to take on the highest notes in the songs. Mackenzie Nightingale noted that, "It's hard to always have the melody sometimes, and it's hard hitting such high notes. It's kind of crazy really, but it's great how our choir comes together as one." With hard work, the Sopranos are able to hit notes many can't.

The Altos are a real family from Concert to Symphonic. The Altos love to spend time together on and off the stage. The Altos take on the low notes, while still singing higher than the boys' notes. The Altos often sing the same note over and over again. At times, you might catch the Altos trying to sing Tenor, too. With constant encouragement from each other, the Altos are able to perform complicated music.

NOW & Then

The Choir has always had passionate music lovers. From then to now, the Choir has become very diverse, from the people to the songs. The Pops Concert is fairly new. It includes a theme with dancing and popular songs. Rocky's Choir is very traditional, so you will also notice the famed choir robes worn at concerts.



Tenors & Basses

The basses, despite being outnumbered by the ladies of the Choir, stay strong. They sing their part loudly so they can help complete the music. In Concert Choir this year, the boys' section only had two boys. This did not stop them from doing all they could. The men do not always sing tenor and bass. This year, some of the girls pitched in and helped by singing with the men.The low tones tenor and bass help complete Rocky's sound.

Top: Symphonic Choir shows off their creative costumes.

Right: Symphonic Choir wears outfits of their future careers for Homecoming Week.

Right: Symphonic Choir sports their class colors; Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores.

Choir Dresses Up!

Rocky Choir students participated in some of the Homecoming Week Themes. Shown here are Class Color Day and Career Day. The Choir also had fun dressing up for Halloween.

CONCERT & SYMPHONIC CHOIR

"Sorry, I can't. I have Choir Rehearsal."

"My favorite part of choir is everyone is so supportive of each other."

Layla Rodriguez, 11

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we're all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." (Billy Joel)
Abigale Lindquist, 11

"Music has the power of producing a certain effect on the moral soul, and if it has the power to do this, it is clear that the young must be directed to music and must be educated in it." (Plato)
Kevin Kolls, 11

"Without music, life would be a mistake." (Friedrich Nietzsche)
Danielle Clark, 11

Same Sound New Faces

After a very successful year with several graduating seniors, Mr. Voigt and Mrs. Bolt added new singers to the group. The group includes eighteen singers, half of which are brand new members.

THE DYNAMIC DUO: Mr. Voigt & Mrs. Bolt

Emma Long

"Mr. Voigt and Mrs. Bolt have influenced me to break from my shell, and do things I would not normally do, even outside of choir."

Driven By *Music*

ALL-STATE SINGERS

The students listed have been chosen as the best of the best in their state:

Charles Murphy (All-State Jazz), Aislinn Geedey (Honors All-State), Mackenzie Melody (All-State), Kameron Roberts (All-State).

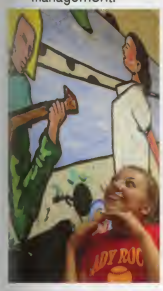
A Traveling Show

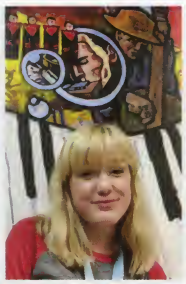
During the Christmas season, Rock Island's finest voices tour the Quad Cities, bringing classic carols and new spins on old hymns.

Motivated by the holiday cheer and their grade in the class, the Chamber Singers venture into the world to spread joy. Dressed to impress in tuxedos and pearls, the Chamber Singers often leave school to perform for churches, nursing homes- anywhere the world needs a little music!

Mackenzie Melody

"Mr. Voigt and Mrs. Bolt taught me friendship, commitment, and time management."





Montana Hogan

"They taught me to never put in less than your best, and never give up when it gets difficult."

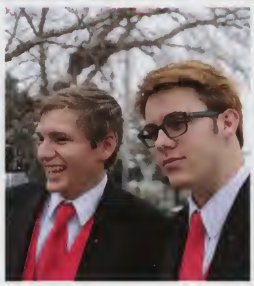
Kameron Roberts

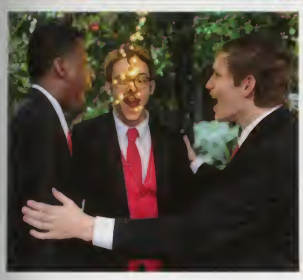
"Both of my teachers have taught me new ways to love music."

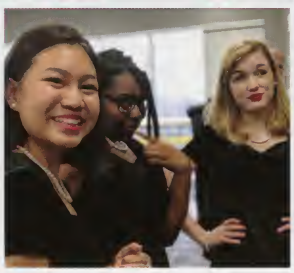
NOW & Then

Choir music connects the 40 years between these students.

This year's RIHS Chamber Singers saw great success, including ILMEA District and All-State qualifying singers.







Jozette Lopez

"I am motivated by knowing that I am a part of something as amazing as it is, and would do anything to show people I can do it."

Aislinn Geedey

"Chamber has helped me learn to manage time and become a better leader. I have to sacrifice my free time and put in a lot of hard work, but the pay off is sounding amazing among a tight-knit group of friends."

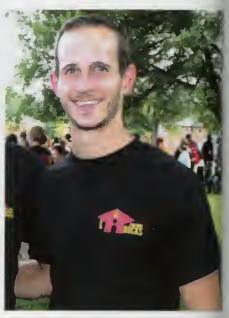
Chamber's Lasting Sound

Itangishatse Bujeni

"Making Chamber my freshman year gave me a belief in my ability, and made me realize what I'm capable of. The older kids were intimidating at first, but that feeling went away, as we became a family. Being a part of the group gives me a sense of great pride and family now."

Aaliyah Weathersby

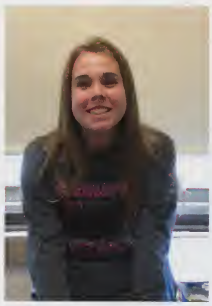
"I used to have very low self esteem, but with getting into Chamber, I have been more confident and out of my shell. I learned that criticism is not always bad, and I can use it to get better."



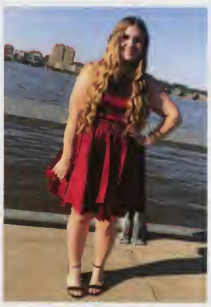
Mike Mertel, a fairly new advisor, was excited to become a part of the group because it "seemed like a group I would want to be a part of." Mertel enjoys being an advisor for the Ambassadors because he enjoys seeing the Ambassadors "becoming leaders within the school and the community." He believes Ambassadors show pride by having "leadership in the classroom" and "helping strengthen the community."

PART of A Look INSIDE

"I like being involved and helping with the school and the community, and I knew being an Ambassador would be a perfect fit for that."
Kailyn Sanders, 11



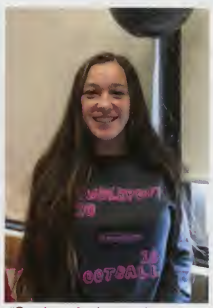
"Student Ambassadors is a way I can be actively involved in changing and helping Rocky and the community. I joined to help out as many people as I can because I know coming into high school was really scary for me."
Maddy Coopman, 11



"To me, Student Ambassadors means that I can help make the school a better place. I joined to be more involved in my community and to make a difference."
Julia Nash, 11

"To be an Ambassdor means to be someone who is able to encourage, as well as help and respect all students and staff. Also being able to go out into the community to volunteer and apply our leadership skills. I joined to figure out ways I can be a leader."
Juliana Rounds, 11

"Student Ambassadors means being a leader around the school and a representative of Rock Island High School outside of the school. I joined so I could get more involved around the community and help out where help is needed."
MJ Stern, 11



"Student Ambassadors, to me, means change. I joined to make a difference for the better, and to help make Rocky a better place."
Josie Pennington, 11

Social and Emotional Committee: They help to break the stigma of mental health.

Art Committee: They help make the school a little more beautiful.

Welcoming Committee: They provide a support system to welcome the students to the school.

Social Media Committee: They promote Student Ambassadors.

Gardening Committee: They make the building look better.

Mentoring/Tutoring Committee: They provide guidance and academic help to other students.

Student Spotlight Committee: They celebrate and recognize students in the building.

Groups That ROCK

Andrea Parer, a six year advisor, helped found Student Ambassadors because she "knew the school needed something for students to be a part of." Parer says the people and size of the group has changed, but they continue to "show pride by being present, wanting to make a difference, and wanting to have a positive impact" within the Rocky community.

NOW &

Student Ambassadors are still a fairly new group at Rocky. The group started in 2014 (left) and continues to grow and make an impact within the school's community.

Then

a WHOLE

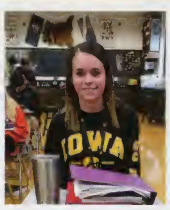
Above: The Student Ambassadors pose for a group photo, which is an annual tradition that takes place in front of the Rock. **Left:** Juniors, Emma Beierlein and Kailyn Sanders stand with students from Denkmann Elementary at Rivers Edge, helping for LEAD. Emma says, "I love helping for LEAD because it is a fun way to interact with kids, but also helping the school." **Middle:** Four Student Ambassadors are captured enjoying Rock Time. This is the time when the club meets to discuss plans for that week and future events. **Right:** Amelia Pena poses during LEAD, on a Thursday, with fifth graders from Denkmann Elementary. She states, "LEAD is a great experience for the kids. I wish had that opportunity when I was younger."

"Grade School Science Night."
- Tierra Colvin

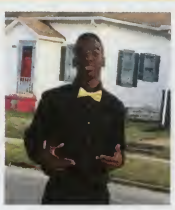
"Going to the elementary schools and playing with the kids."
- Mikayla DePover

"Helping the kids at Jefferson."
- Lah Htoo

"Chaperoning a field trip to the Putnam Museum."
- Kaiah Miles



"Volunteering at Schwiebert."
- Andrea Daley



"Ready to ROCK the School Year."
- Jamal Randle

"Going to the elementary schools for LEAD."
- Kya Burkhardt

[WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT AMBASSADORS]

NOW & Then

Environmental Action Club has come a long way since the 90's. Similar to today, members back then would volunteer for events that would benefit the environment in some way. The group continues to find new ways to help the environment!

What it is all about...

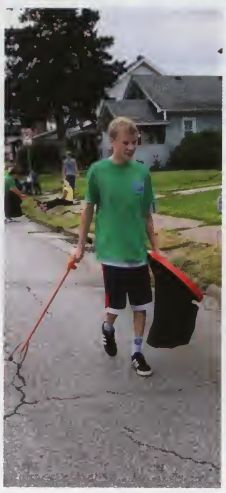
EAC!

Left: Members of the EAC volunteer at a planting event.

Middle Left: With homemade posters and the EAC sign, the group participates in the Labor Day Parade.

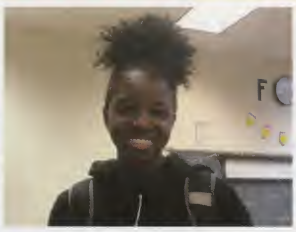
Above: Members lie soil down to fertilize the ground in hopes to plant.

Right: Roland Ullrick (9) picks up trash while walking in the Labor Day Parade.

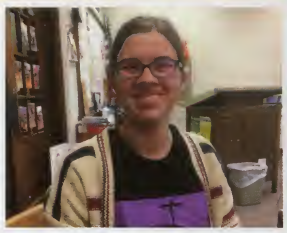


Club Officers

"I like meeting new people who want to better the world."
Lin Zaw,
President



"I like being in EAC because I like helping the environment and helping others make earth a better place."
Mieaad Abdalla,
Vice President



"I like being involved in EAC because we do so many outdoor and environmentally focused activities. My personal favorite is when we're involved with a clean up, like the X-Stream Clean Up. I enjoy knowing that my actions are making an impact."
Aislinn Geedey,
Treasurer

Environmental Action Club Takes the Lead

The Environmental Action Club (EAC), is an organization that promotes friendly environmental practices. The club believes that everyone can help the environment in many ways, and tries their best to show people what they can do to contribute.

The club's organizer, Marissa Grayson, states that her favorite memory was "watching the members clean up Rock Island at the Labor Day Parade." Grayson also says that the leaders of the group are "good examples, and they make sure all events are set up and attended properly."

One of the biggest challenges the group faces is getting all members participating at events and meetings. The President of the club, Lin Zaw, Vice President, Mieaad Abdalla, and the Treasurer, Linn Geedey, continually "send out remind messages and Google Classroom updates," says Grayson. The leaders try to get the group to promote helping the environment as much as possible, while enjoying the nature that surrounds us.

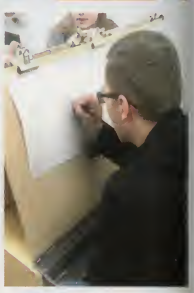
EAC travels around the Quad Cities to volunteer at specific events. Those include Bald Eagle Days, the Butterfly Garden, Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, and during their free time, they recycle and go on hiking trips! One activity the group participated in was the Million Trees Project and the Living Lands and Waters Organization, where the group planted acorns.

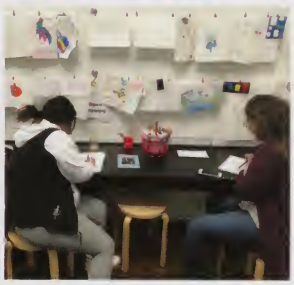
EAC is always looking for new members who are willing to save our environment. They work very hard to schedule events and get members to participate. The group has a lot of fun volunteering with different organizations and is excited to continue contributing to the betterment of the environment!

CREATIVE CREW

The Art Club is an organization for art students to express themselves, be a part of the community, and to be included with minds like their own. The Art Club organizes meetings with colleges and paints murals in the halls around the school, while taking pride in the large number of students winning prizes for their art in the Quad City community, and sending many students to art colleges, as well as making art their profession.

Mrs. Corby-Winn, the Art Club advisor, states, "We share our passion for art within the community, and we are working to create art in our building to represent our current student body." Mrs. Winn wants to include any student with an interest in art, no matter the ability or experience with art classes. Students in the Art Club are expected to have regular attendance, or else the group struggles to get projects done, so teamwork keeps the group moving. Students in the club want Rocky to be known for their art program, and stay connected in the art community. "We work together in making Rocky beautiful with the painting and drawing aspects of art," says member, Vincent DeVore. Like most students in Art Club, Vincent plans on expanding his art past the classrooms, and taking his passion to the real world.





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Coloring outside the lines since the '90s. Inhale possibility, exhale creativity.

Then

The Art Club organized a trip for its members, along with other art students, to visit the Figge Art Museum for a portfolio day to look at colleges they were interested in. Students could see what the schools offered for an art career, if they want to pursue that.

Favorite Memories

"Painting a mural with my friends."

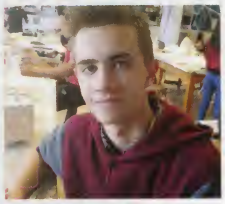
- Rebecca Freiburg, 9

"The Chicago trip! There was so much art to see, and it helped me get a feel of what college I wanted to go to, since we visited the American Academy of Art."

- Thomas Kramer, 12

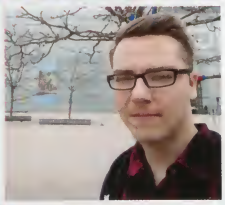
"Doing the art portfolio field trip at the Figge Art Museum!"

- Ethan Kopplin, 11



"Working on a poster for a Mrs. Bohling."

- Andrew Forsterling, 11



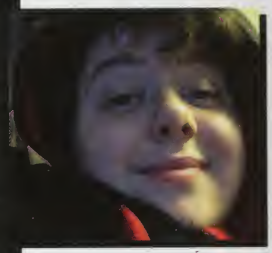
"My favorite memory of Art Club is doing the pastel competition at Bucktown."

- Tayler Seibel, 12

Favorite Events From This Year

"Going to Hot Glass and helping out."
- Sarah Stevanovic

"Painting our mural."
- Destani Jones



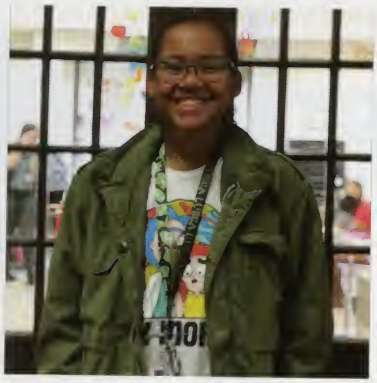
"The trip to Chicago!"
- Vincent DeVore

How Art Club has affected Mrs. Winn, as a teacher

"It's the most enriching part of my job because it gives me opportunities that normal classes don't provide. It also builds a better connection with the students."

- Mrs. Winn

Stitching New Traditions



Becoming a LEADER

Clothing and Textiles is a class that is peer-driven. Students have the opportunity to be elected as a class leader, where the students chosen will be expected to help their fellow students. Leaders, Aaliyah Smith (11) and Caty Pohl (12) both enjoy that the challenge builds their leadership skills. Aaliyah says part of being a class leader is remaining "focused and aware" and "to be there for anyone who is struggling."

NOW & Then

Through Mrs. Hannah's 31 years of teaching, she says that the one trait that has remained the same at Rocky is it being seen as "an icon for students' successes, in the eyes of the community." Pictured right is student Dorthea Moore (1992) compared to present students, Alyssa Long and Anastasia Holmes, working on the sewing machine.

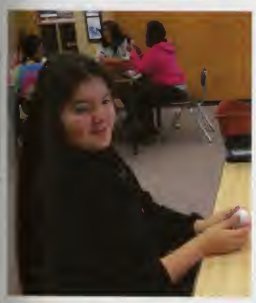
Saying Goodbye to Mrs. Hannah

"Mrs. Hannah cares about what she does, and cares about all of us."
Alyssa Long, 12

"She has a good sense of humor and I will miss her."
Taliyah Williams, 11

Clothing and Textiles is a class where students can learn the basics of sewing, and show their creativity through their work. Students praise the class for being so hands-on and enjoyable. Clothing class provides students with a different set of skills than their normal classes, similar to the other Family And Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes.

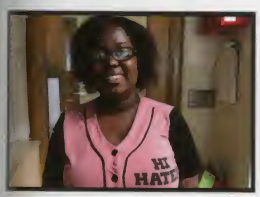
Mrs. Hannah, who has been teaching for a total of 31 years, is retiring this year. One of her current students, Alayah Edgerson, says that she will "miss her smile, her kindness, and the activities she does with us." Commenting on her own retirement, Mrs. Hannah says that she is proud of her students. She states, "I feel like these are my children, and any mother would be proud to see that their children are progressing."



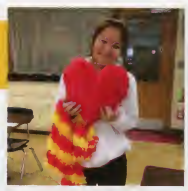
The Clothing & Textiles students work hard on their pin cushion mice. The mouse project is one of the first sewing projects that students will attempt, and one they will learn many new techniques through.

Clothing and Textiles is a class that, over the years, has always remained very diverse. Mrs. Hannah says that that is one of her favorite aspects of her class.

"I will miss how she pushes you to succeed."
Anastasia Holmes, 11

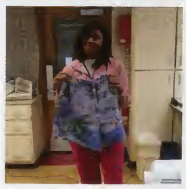


LOOKING BACK ON PROJECTS



"My favorite project that I made in Clothing and Textiles was the alphabet pillows, because they're really cute and soft. You can make different fabrics and design the letters."
- Min Thaw, Grade 10

"The mouse project was my favorite, because the mice get to challenge what you know about sewing."
- Maria Alba



"I think my favorite project was the shorts because they were a lot of work, but fun to make."
- Alayah Edgerson, Grade 11

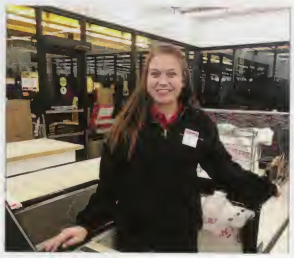
"This class is a great opportunity for me to learn how to go to school and maintain a job. I like how I can leave school early and go to work, or be able to go home and finish some homework."

Mutumwinka Rose, 12

"I like being in this class because it has taught me a lot of useful things that I can use on the job."

Aliza Malone, 12

On The Job

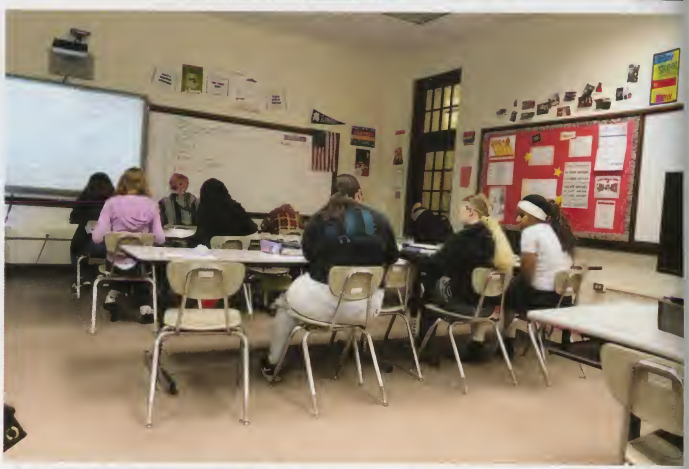


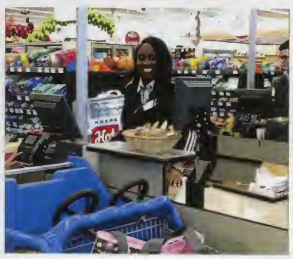
"I like having this class because it gives me the opportunity to leave school early and be more available at work."

Gracie Sharpe, 12

"Being in this class gives me the opportunity to leave school to go to work and get more hours."

Daniel Mulongecha, 12





"The class is a good class to learn lots of things that you will need on the job or to the job you want."

Cashmir Pulliam, 12

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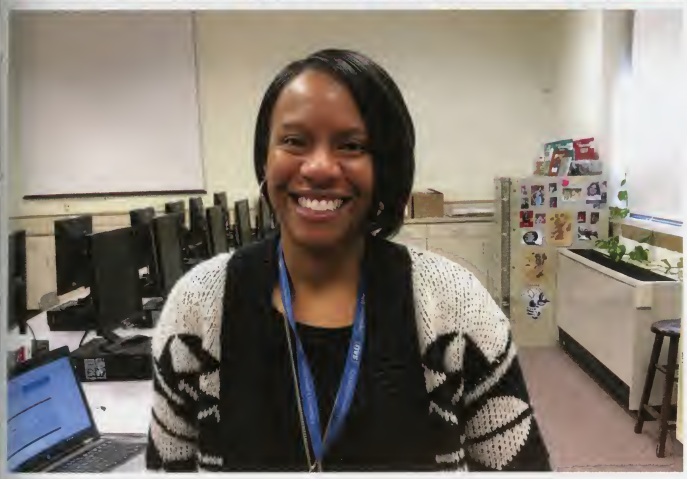
"I like having this class because I get to leave school early, and I have time in between school and work to do some homework or run errands. It's very beneficial. I don't have to worry about staying up late after work doing homework."

Taylor Adrian, 12

Cooperative Work Training



The Cooperative Work Training Program is a class that juniors and seniors can take, if they have a job. The program allows the students to be able to leave school early to attend work, while also gaining credit for graduation. In class, students learn responsibilities on the job, time management, how to work well with others, and many skills that are necessary to be successful in a future career. Mrs. Dieudonne teaches the class, and continues to enjoy helping students succeed in class and their jobs. She has taught the class for a few years, and continues to educate students on their work ethic, behavior, and ability to be successful in their careers of choice.

PROGRAMMING

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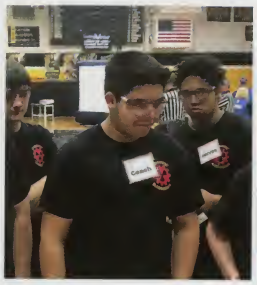
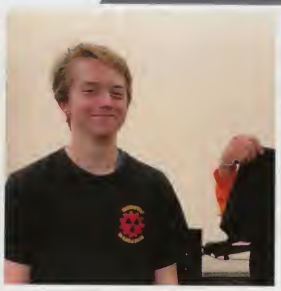
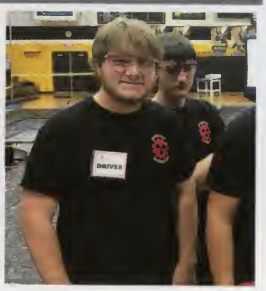


Brian Trujilo
"The best thing about being in robotics is the weird situations we face in competitions."



Beau Williamson
"I like building and testing the robots, and working with others. I like brainstorming and seeing what the team comes up with and execute more successful ideas. Also 3-D modeling in Autodesk."



Tyler Koutsky
"I can use the skills that I know to make things to overcome challenges."

Before the team takes on their competitions in November, they attend the FTC kickoff at John Deere World Headquarters in September. There, they received a preview of the game, and got to interact and speak to other teams.

Above: Peyton Jones (11), Brian Trujillo (12), and Tyler Koutsky (12) work together to control their robot and practice their skills.

Below: Catelyn Pohl (12) and Peyton Jones (12) both look over Leslie Perez's (12) shoulder to watch her computer. Together, they all show off their ideas through the technology they've been provided.

FIRST YEAR PREP

New to Rocky just this year, the Robotics Club is a perfect example of hard work and creating new traditions. In Robotics Club, students learn to persevere through challenges, by using teamwork and professionalism. Mrs. Dennis states that this year, "Our team is proving to be very good at discussing, collaborating, and working together."

As part of First Tech Challenge (FTC), the club will be competing in local competitions, as well as a State competition. Through their first year, the Rocky Robotics Club got the opportunity to be mentored by a more experienced team from Pleasant Valley, the Winter Soldiers. Mrs. Dennis states that, "They are an awesome team that was good enough to go to Worlds last year." The Winter Soldiers have attended all of Rocky's Robotics Club's meetings and will be coaching the students through the building and programming phase.

The goal for the Robotics Club is to "work as a team, build a robot, and impress ourselves with what we are capable of," Mrs. Dennis says. She states that, although they don't expect to go to Worlds while being a rookie team, "with mentors like the Winter Soldiers, you never know."

Rocks Take on *Costa Rica*

"It was a great experience watching the students practice their language, and experience the culture of another country. We all had a great time, and the students represented Rocky in a positive way. The students learned to step outside of their comfort zones, and had just a wonderful experience," Spanish teacher, Mrs. Regan says.

Mrs. Regan, Mrs. Ramirez, and their former students enjoy their time kayaking in Costa Rica.

ROCKY PRIDE

Spanish Club kicked off the year getting new members at Rally at the Rock. "Our goal for Spanish Club is to share the Latin American culture, not only with our members, but with other students attending Rocky," explained club leader, Mrs. Ramirez. The club leaders include Yvette Perez, Brayan Perez, Maria Perez, and Kristen Williams. The Spanish Club has decorated a class altar during the Day of the Dead, and has marched in the Homecoming Parade. Spanish Club continues to grow strong, gaining more members and participating in more events each year.

Spanish Club students pose for a group picture in front of their hotel room.

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Rocky's 2018 Spanish Club now travels to Costa Rica, where as the 1998 Spanish Club focused more on events at RIHS.

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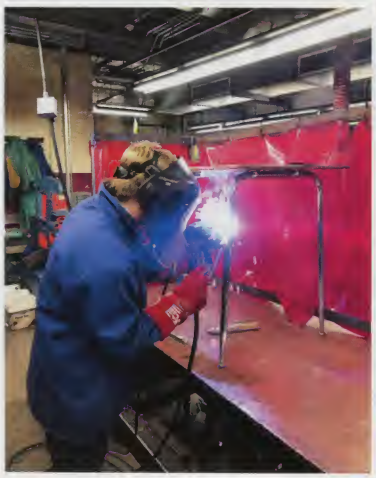


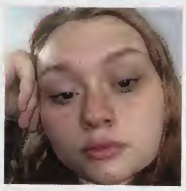
Welding

New Futures

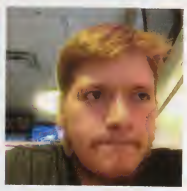
Welding is a class that not only provides a much different learning environment for the students involved, but also teaches its students a skill that Mr. Weber says they can use "for the rest of their lives." The class prepares students for careers in welding, and gives them background on the craft before they even reach a trade school. Students earn their MIG certification through the class at Rocky, which makes moving forward in the field even easier for them. Mr. Weber states that one of the many challenges the group faces is "the ability to get students to comprehend how important the soft skills are in being employed and doing well in a career." Despite the obstacles, he notes that the class benefits the students involved greatly. He says that the class gives them "something that cannot be taken away from them, is not easy, and many people cannot do."

Garrett Gordon (12), Amadeo Cerda (12), and Brandon Bell (12), pictured left to right, pose for a picture while their classmates show off their skills. Garett Gordon states that he enjoys welding because, "I like to work with my hands, and it's satisfying."

Reasons to Weld



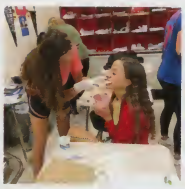
Tayler Seibel, 12
"I like that, in welding, you don't just sit in a desk and take notes. You're up and doing things. I took it because I have an interest in engineering, and I thought having a perspective from a welding side would be important."

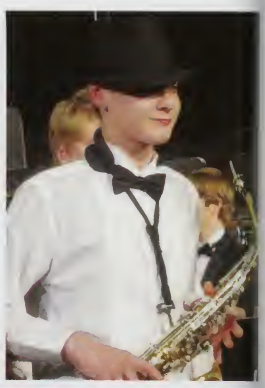


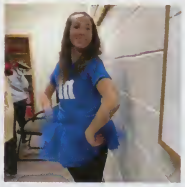
Tyler Koutsky, 12
"Being able to help build, fix, and learn very good skills at the same time."

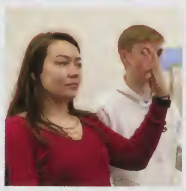
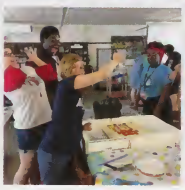
Edgardo Valadez, 12
"Because it's fun."

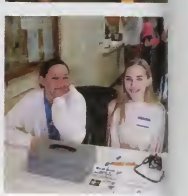
Zach Martin, 11
"I chose welding because I like to weld at my dad's work."









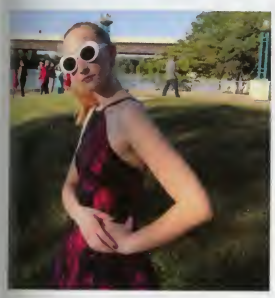
Making an Impact Throughout the Community

The Rocky Key Club members make it their goal to help the school and community. Key Club is involved in many different organizations and volunteering with Kiwanis, AAvenge, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, the Penguin Project, as well as helping out at the football games with concessions and raffles. Mrs. Miller explains that the goal for Key Club is to "encourage students to give back to the community, and it is easier than you think to get involved." The President and Vice President always show up to the Key Club meetings, provide good ideas, and encourage other members to become more involved and to help the Rock Island and Quad City community. Two of the Key Club events were selling candy canes for Christmas and working at the Pancakes for Pitties event.

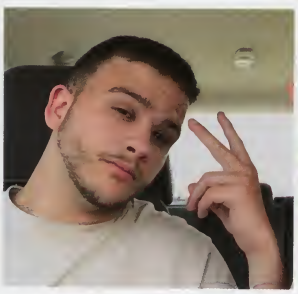
Left: Rocky Key Club Members volunteer with AAvenege, with their Pancakes for Pitties event. Pictured to the left are Hannah Close (10), Lainey Benson (10), Morgan Kidwell (12), Ava Coussens (9), Drew Jarding (9), and Evan Kidwell (11).

Below: Morgan Kidwell (12) and Evan Kidwell (11) promote Key Club during the Rally at the Rock. President Morgan Kidwell stated that, "We are always looking for more people to join and take the time to better our community."

I Joined Key Club Because...



Lainey Benson
"I want to make a difference in my community. There are lots of great volunteering opportunities, plus, it looks good on a college resume."



Evan Kidwell
"I want to show pride in my school and show that Key Club can make a better difference in our community."

Morgan Kidwell
"I really wanted to be involved in something exciting. I love volunteering and helping others out."

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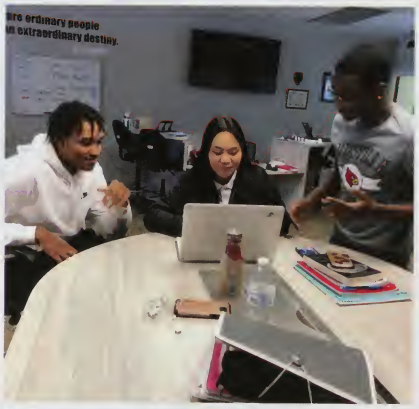
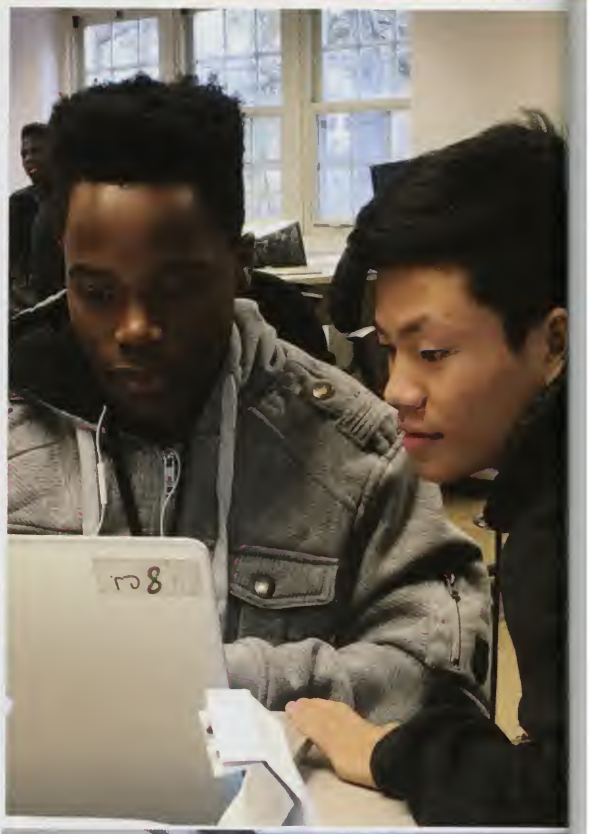
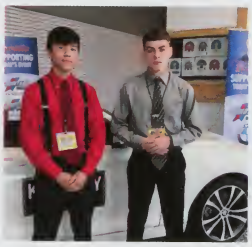
The 1968 Key Club members pose for a picture in the library. Today, the 2018 Key Club members continue to volunteer and help out many organizations around the Quad Cities.

Rocks get to Work

Emily Skelton and Arrielle Eckhardt try out the props at the QC Chamber Luncheon.







"I like the class because it gives me an opportunity to express my desire to make it big one day, also, because I can do that while creating more jobs for people."
Anthony Voss, 12

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This program has only been taught here at Rocky for a few years, but every year, the class continues to grow and improve. This class is for students to get an idea of how to one day make their own business and gain some success in that field in high school.

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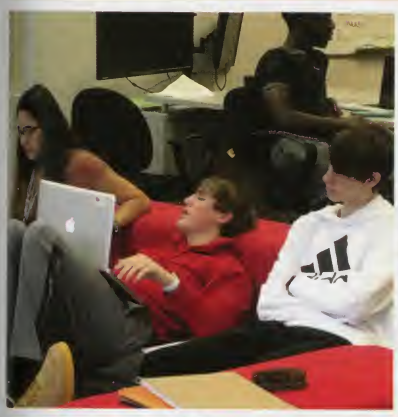
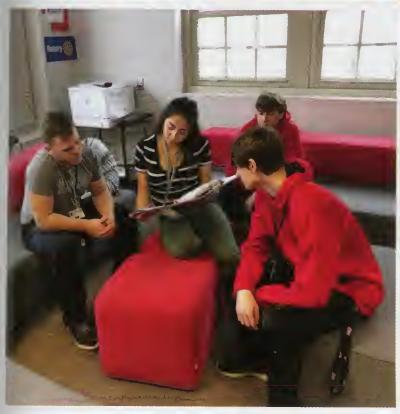
"I've learned the basics on how you can run your own business. I have a good group and we have a great idea. Mrs. Matson is also a great teacher, and knows what she is talking about."
Jesse Linch, 12

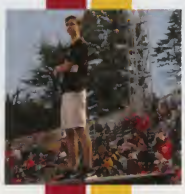




Entrepreneurship is a course Rocky offers for students to learn how to work with others on a team to create a business from the ground up. Students learn the business model canvas, how to problem solve, how to collaborate with mentors and other team members, how to define and measure success, how to meet deadlines, and to compete in a Shark Tank like competition.

Mrs. Matson loves watching her students take ownership of their business and really work hard towards their goals. Mrs. Matson said, "This class will help every student, regardless of what they choose to pursue after high school." This is certainly a class where students can see the immediate application of the material to the real world. The students learn skills that they will use both during their high school years, and beyond, into their adult lives.

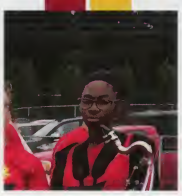
"Being in Marching Band, in general, is fun. Being Drum Major just means you get to be even more involved. It can also be pretty stressful, at times."
- Joe Matheis, 12



"Marching Band is where I feel the most myself. Being section leader means that I earned what I was pushing for and I achieved something great!"
- Tavian Busnell, 12

"At first, I wasn't even going to do Marching Band. My friends ended up convincing me I could just quit after 1 year if I didn't like it. Long story short, I fell in love. Best peer pressure I've ever experienced!"
- Jocee Bloyer, 12

"Marching Band is where I go to see my friends and make new ones. Being a student leader is a new responsibility, but I enjoy the challenge."
- Jada Sonnier, 12



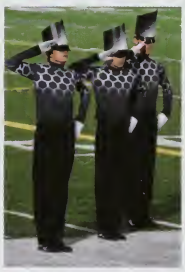
The pRIde of ROCK ISLAND

This year's marching show is entitled "The Collective," which is a regulated Utopian society represented by the band. However, the Collective becomes infected by a virus of free thought. As the virus gets out of control and starts to spread, the Collective becomes confused, sad, and angry. At first, the society tries to convince people to come back to them, by telling them that the Collective way of life is the only way. In the end, the infected people are forced back into the normal, controlled Collective way of life, against their will. The show ends with a singular colorful figure remaining, signifying that there is still hope. Band Director Pete Carlin observed, "This is nothing like what we have ever done before, and this band has a lot of potential; we can do so much with this show!"

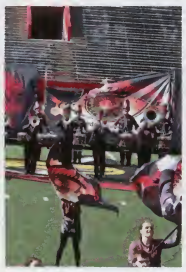
Pictured Right: Because of a budget cut in 1984, the Marching Band of 1984, although large, never had the chance to do anything quite as spectacular as our current Pride of Rock Island. That didn't stop them from marching at football games though!

IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS: Competitions

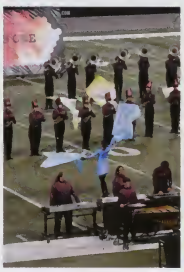
September 22, 2018: The Marching Band reported to Rocky at 6:30 a.m. in preparation for two competitions in one day. At Benedictine University in Naperville, IL, they received helpful feedback from the judges. The second competition was at Plainfield South High School, where they placed 2nd in their division. They returned home at 12:30 a.m. from the eventful day.

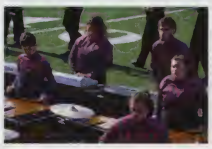


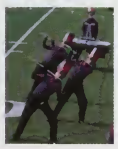
October 20, 2018: The Marching Band went to ISU for the State Competition. They placed 2nd in the 4A Division, and made finals for the first time in school history! They placed 14th in State, overall. The band has been attending the ISU State Competition for over twenty years.



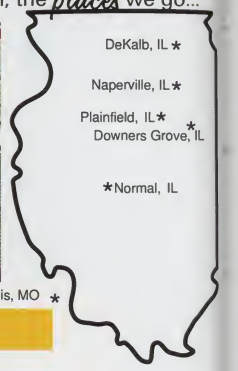
October 27, 2018: The Marching Band attended Bands of America in St. Louis. They had the opportunity to perform in the NFL Rams' former stadium. Afterwards, the students were able to watch some of the best bands in the nation perform in finals.







Oh, the *places* we go...



TAKING A SPIN ON THINGS

The 2018 Color Guard is different than it ever has been before. Not only is the Guard smaller than it has been, but they have two fabulous 8th graders, exceeding expectations. Even though the Guard is small, they are strong. The 2018 Color Guard director, Sarah Wendland, has high expectations for her Guard. "I always tell the kids I don't expect any more of them than they do me; to show up on time, ready to work, and to have a good attitude. Good work ethic trumps talent any day. I can teach them how to spin, but the attitude is up to them," she stated. The Marching Band, as a whole, is doing more shows than they usually do. In fact, they are doubling up on competitions this year. This program makes so many people proud. The 2018 Assistant Guard Director, Celeste Chapdelaine, is an alum of Rock Island High School, and came back to teach the next generation how to spin a rifle, and it makes her proud to see what the band has become. She enjoys "seeing them do their very best and enjoy the activity." This year's show, "The Collective", has been a favorite, and allowed the band and Guard to have unique outfits. "I really like the honeycomb because it is a unique design that represents the show well," says Vincente Villalpando.

The 2018 Color Guard is a part of Rocky's competitive marching band. This year's marching band show is entitled "The Collective." "The Collective" is about living in a society where everyone is forced to believe the same thing. In this show, the Color Guard plays the virus. As the Guard is infected, they become colorful, and try thinking for themselves. In the end, the Guard is pulled back into "The Collective."

In 1981, the RIHS Color Guard was small, like this year's Guard. The 2018 Guard and 1981 Guard are very similar, in that they both love what they do and enjoy performing.

The Guard kicks off the school year at the Rally at the Rock.

The Color Guard is ready to take on the 34th annual Labor Day Parade.

The Color Guard shows RIHS school spirit in the 2018 Homecoming Parade.

LEAVING THE HIVE

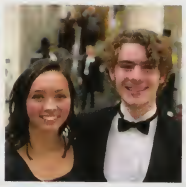
"My favorite memory from Guard is when we were at BOA and we were getting our pre-show talk. I took a moment and looked at everyone's faces, and I realized that this was my family away from my family. I love you all, and would not want to be anywhere else." - Jada Harris

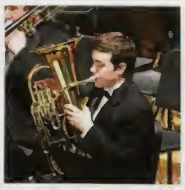
"My favorite memory from Guard was getting ready and jamming out with the Guard before games and performances." - Maddie Mcanally

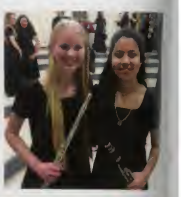
"My favorite memory from being on Color Guard is the art. I can perform the way my heart desires." - Vincente Villalpando

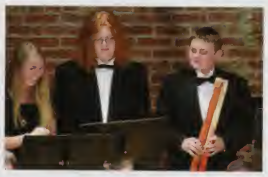
2018 RIHS Color Guard: Kaylee Plohr (8), Hannah Rettig (12), Anna Rowell (11), Aaliyah Smith (11), Maddie Mcanally (12), Alesia Nunez (10), Vanessa Mojica (10), Isabel Drish (10).

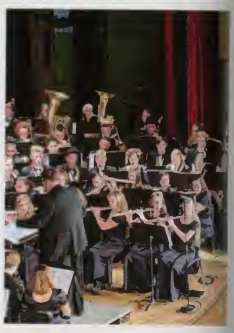
Symphonic Band

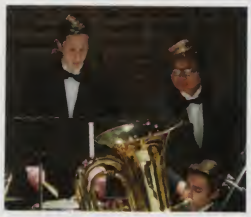


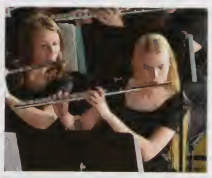


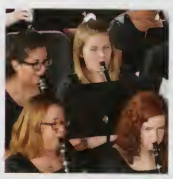


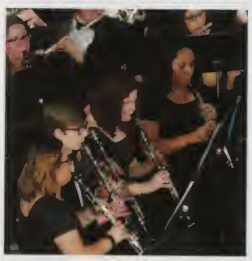




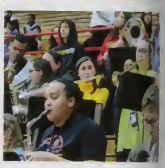


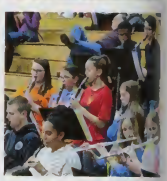






PEP Band





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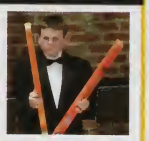
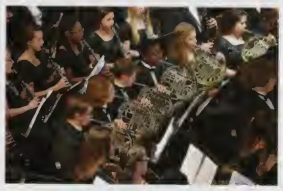
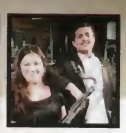
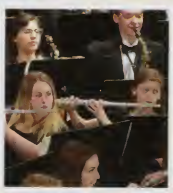


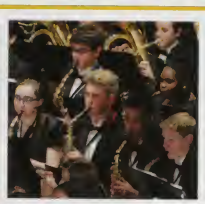
Fall Band

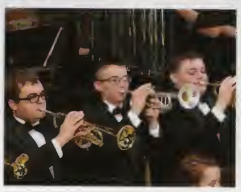




Spring Band







JUNIOR ALL-STATER: *Nick Alt*

In addition to Hannah Knuth, junior Nick Alt was also chosen for All-State. Alt is also a trombonist, and was selected for the Jazz Festival. He is third chair in Symphonic Band, and has been in band for six years. He was a contra drill sergeant in Marching Band, and is also a member of Rocky's Jazz Band. He has played in Rocky, Alleman, and the Music Guild's musical pits for several years. He will be traveling to Peoria in January for the All-State Jazz Festival, and is excited about being chosen. "Carlin pulled me aside. After he started to shake my hand, I knew what was up, and I knew I had finally made All-State," Alt said about the experience.

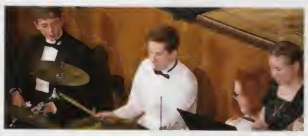
PLAYING HER WAY TO THE TOP:

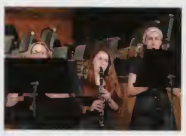
2019 ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

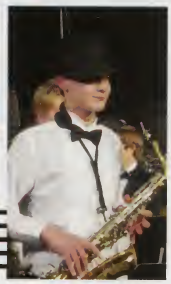
Hannah Knuth

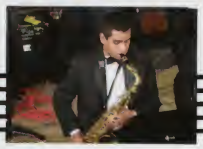
In 2018, senior Hannah Knuth was one of two band members chosen for the All-State Festival. Knuth is a seventh year trombonist, who holds the second chair spot in Rock Island's Symphonic Band. She was one of two band members to make ILMEA Orchestra, and was first chair overall. She was also in Marching Band for four years, and has been a baritone section leader for two of those. She has played trombone in the Pit, and has also been cast in several of Rocky's spring musicals. Knuth will travel to Peoria, IL, in January 2019 to play with the best high school musicians in the state of Illinois. It is a very high honor to be chosen for All-State, and the Rock Island Band is extremely proud of all the hard work Knuth has done. "It doesn't feel real. As a musician, you always strive to qualify for All-State. I am so proud to say that I have made that accomplishment," Knuth said. She is looking forward to continuing her music career in college, and can't wait to see what the future has in store for her.

Jazz Band









In 2018, the three Rock Island High School bands had successful winter and spring seasons. The Concert and Jazz Bands had a fall concert on October 2nd. The pieces "Hymn and Fantasia", "Of Time and Chance", and "The Lost Temple" were performed by Concert Band, and Jazz Band played various upbeat tunes. The Marching Band spent the majority of first quarter traveling to competitions, so they did not perform any songs at this concert. Girls wear formal, black gowns and boys wear full tuxedos for this concert.

In their Winter Concert, on December 10th, 2018, all three bands played separate pieces, but came together for the 9th consecutive year to play classics including a medley of "The Polar Express", "Whisper To Their Souls" (a variation of the traditional English folk song "Greensleeves"), and "Sleigh Ride." Carlin explained that the tradition of playing "Sleigh Ride" every year started as a tribute to his mother-in-law, who loved the piece, and it has been a staple of the annual Winter Concert ever since. The Marching Band, whose season ends in October, prepares their own pieces for the concert each year. This year, they played "Winterfest" and "Pulse", each with a very different style. Fall Concert Band played two songs titled "Aggressivo" and "Blue Ridge Reel." Jazz Band performed selections from "That's It", "Back to the Basement", "Groove Merchant" and "It's the Holiday Season." Students wear the usual gowns and tuxedos for this performance. Assistant Director Michael Tollanear remarked that he was mostly worried about all the students fitting onto the stage safely.

After winter break, the Marching and Fall Concert Bands transition into Symphonic and Spring Concert Bands. Students audition for these bands in May of the previous year, with Symphonic being the higher band. According to Carlin, "Symphonic Band is primarily made up of juniors and seniors, with more experience playing, while Concert Band is primarily freshmen and sophomores, with less playing experience." Fall Concert Band exists mostly for students who want to play music, but do not want to join Marching Band.

During second semester, there are two concerts: the Spring Concert in March and the Pops Concert in May. The Spring Concert showcases more traditional, classical music, while modern, popular songs are chosen for Pops. A unique aspect of the annual Pops Concert is the tradition of girls wearing prom, quinceanera, and other special event dresses, if they choose. Students who choose not to opt for more casual, but classy attire. Just Desserts, the end of the year banquet for band, as well as choir and orchestra, is also held in May.

ILMEA 2018 Musicians

Front (Left to Right): Emily Painter, Chloe Shomo, Moises Salinas Pelaez, Peyton Klingbeil, Demetrius Gilkey, Taylor Sierens, Larissa Pothoven **Back:** Jonathan Knuth, Tavian Bushnell, Ian Empen, Calvin Banks, Liam Haskill, Siobhan Dunn, Nicholas Alt, Emily Brown, Hannah Knuth, Mara-Lane Kelley

NOW & *Then*

The band room used today was built in 1968. At the time of its construction, the band that played in it was significantly smaller. Today, there are around 200 students in all the bands combined.

1997

2018

NOW &

In 1928, RIHS had a small Orchestra, with only about 8 women in the whole Orchestra. Now, in 2018, they have a much bigger Orchestra, which showcases the diversity of the high school.

Then

Q A

What is the best part about teaching the the RIHS Orchestra?

Mrs. Benson - RIHS Orchestra Teacher

"I love seeing the progress made each term - from the first time we sight read a piece of music to the final time we perform it for an audience. There is a transformation in the music, but also in the students and their approach to the music. They learn so much and feel a great sense of accomplishment when they conquer something that was foreign to them, and make it into something beautiful or exciting. The work that it takes, not just as individuals, but as a team, to construct and mold the musical lines to make them enjoyable to the audience."

"I play the cello, and I have been playing for 3 years now."
Kasen Ross, 09

"I play the cello, and I have been playing for 7 years now."
Haley Kelemen, 12

"I play the violin, and I have been playing for 8 years."
Sera Calhoun, 12

"I play the cello, and I have been playing it since the sixth grade, so about 6 years."
Morgan Nesbitt, 11

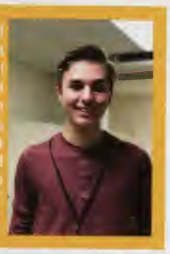
"I play the viola, and I have been playing it for 5 years."
Breanna Allen, 10

"I play the bass and I have been playing it for 3 years."
Savannah Harding, 09

CLASS [after] CLASS

"Getting to work on my team building and leading skills every day, and getting to apply these skills in a positive atmosphere."
- Emily Jansen, 12

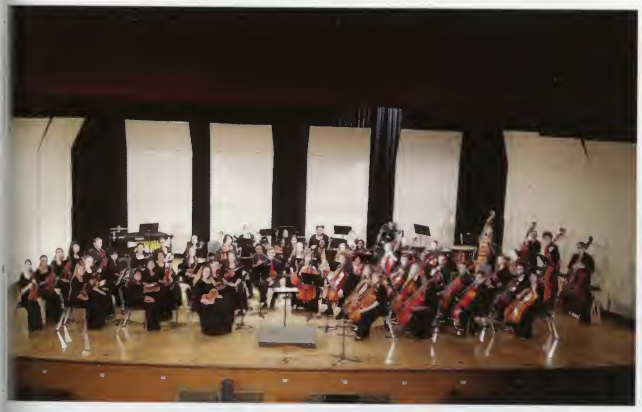
"My favorite part of Orchestra is the fact that people with all different backgrounds can come to Orchestra and learn about music in a safe and inclusive environment."
- Tye Gordon, 11



"Playing the violin."
- Bell New, 10

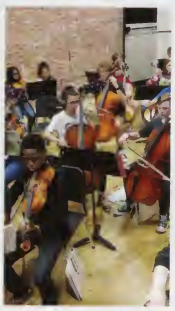
"Getting to travel different places."
- Zaria Crider, 9

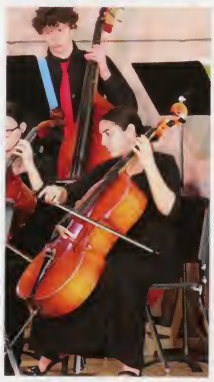
BEHIND THE SCENES

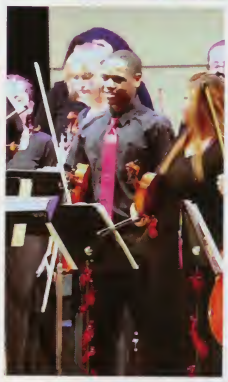
The RIHS Orchestra practices to perform their best during the RI Homecoming Parade, and at the Rock Island Education Foundation. RIHS has an amazingly talented Orchestra for this 2018 school year.

VIOLINS, CELLOS AND BASSES, OH MY

Once an Orchestra Rock, always an Orchestra Rock.

The 2018-19 RIHS Orchestra will be one to remember. The students work hard to get where they are. They practice daily and enjoy playing their instruments. RIHS's Orchestra is pretty big. This year's Orchestra has violins, cellos, violas, and a few basses. For the first time in years, the RIHS Orchestra has a female bass player. There are roughly 54 students in the RIHS Orchestra, which is quite a lot of instruments and players. This year, the Orchestra has done amazing things, including a car wash, hosted a spaghetti dinner, and performed amazing concerts with beautiful music. This year's Orchestra is a very special group. The RIHS Orchestra also had the honor of performing with the two-time Grammy winning Turtle Island String Quartet.



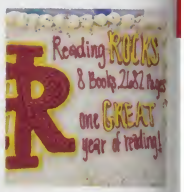


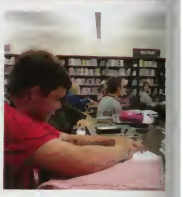


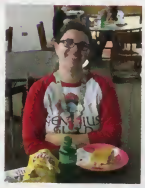
The Rocky Orchestra had the opportunity to work with the Turtle Island String Quartet this year. It was a great chance for RIHS students to learn from a talented group of musicians!

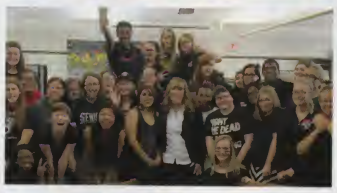
The Reading Rocks is a club that meets to promote reading for pleasure and gives readers a place to discuss what they read. Around 20-30 students attend the meetings.The club is run by Mrs. Curtiss, with help from Mrs. Mendelin and the Rock Island Public Library Young Adult librarian, Emily Tobin. Mrs. Curtiss hopes, "Students learn that we can have different opinions and still respect each other, and that there is no wrong way to read a book," she states. During the meeting, Mrs. Mendelin will showcase the books and share what is happening in the library. Emily will then promote new books and library events, and Mrs. Curtiss will run the discussions. Senior members Cobie Conger, Paulina Cuellar, Paige Porter, Sera Calhoun, Kalangilo Davis, and Linn Geedy help to keep the discussion on track. These members have remained involved for their entire high school careers.

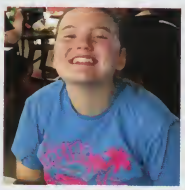
The Reading Rocks had an exciting opportunity to host author, Jason Reynolds this year, and read many of his books.

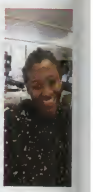












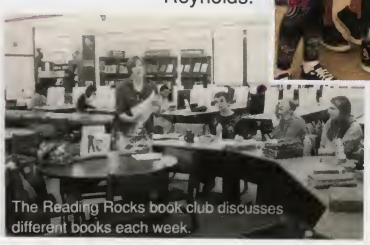
TOP 5 BOOKS

The Reading Rocks picked their top five favorite books of the year!

1. The Hate U Give
2. A List of Cages
3. Wolf by Wolf
4. Scythe
5. Fatboy vs The Cheerleaders

NOW & Then

The Reading Rocks have continued to be a popular group at RIHS, who meet regularly to discuss books of their choosing. This year, the Reading Rocks read *Long Way Down* to prepare for Jason Reynolds.

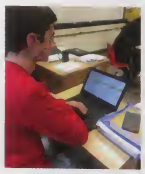


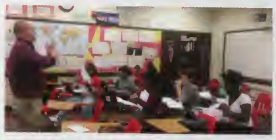
The Reading Rocks book club discusses different books each week.

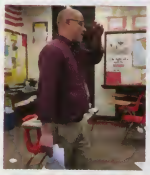
DEBATE FRESHMEN TAKE OVER

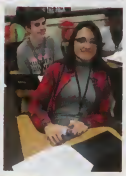
The Debate Team is making its return to Rock Island High School. With a new group of underclassmen excited to compete, this is the fourth year since the return, and the best year yet. One of the most memorable meets this year was the Bettendorf meet. The team's coach, Mr. Duster, told his debaters, "I'm so proud of you all! We swept the novice out rounds with a perfect 9-0 record, and were a questionable Varsity decision away from being in a position to take down that animal rights argument, and claim a title there, as well. We have never performed well at Bettendorf, and finished the weekend with a combined 21-3 record. Awesome! Now the challenge is to keep working, keep improving, and build something special." The Debate Team continued to do well at meets, showing great promise for the Debate program at Rocky.

Practice Makes Perfect



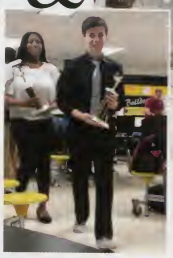




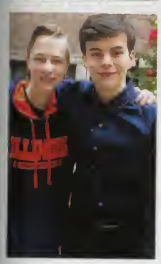


NOW & Then

The Debate Team has recently started a team again. It has been years since there has been a team at RIHS. The team is even more diverse now, and also includes more girls. Like in the past, the teams compete by arguing topics in meets.



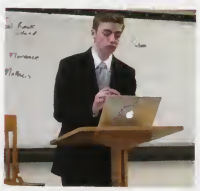
Left: Trichelle Gay and Favour Noya pose for a picture after winning at the Bettendorf meet.



Top: Rosadalia Rocillo and Alianna Locascio take a picture with their award for 4th place in JV at Fenwick High School.

Left: Grant Florence and his partner, Joe Matheis, work to prep rebuttals and find evidence to attack their opponent's case.

Bottom: Drew Jarding and Kasen Ross take a photo together after a meet in Chicago.



"Through the Debate Team, I've had the opportunity to meet great people, have an in depth experience in research, and dramatically improved my public speaking ability. Joining Debate Team was one of the best decisions I've made in high school."
Grant Florence, Grade 12

"Rise and Grind!"
Joe Matheis, Grade 12

"Debate is worth the effort."
Drew Jarding, Grade 9

"The start of anything great is knowing who you are and believing in yourself."
Kamara Sakho, Grade 9

Ask the Riveters

Eleanor Blew, Sophomore

What are you looking forward to doing this year?

"I am looking forward to being a part of a group of girls, and learning about how other women did so well and found success."

JJ Willhite, Junior

How does it feel to be the only boy in a club focused on women's rights?

"I don't feel like I stand out in the group, despite my gender, because we all have the same mindset, everyone is equal."

Mackenzie Melody, Senior

How have the Riveters evolved during your time here?

"At first, everyone just saw us as a 'feminist club' but as we have grown, we have attracted the attention of politicians, athletes, and local groups. We have proved that we are capable of making change."

The 2018 Fearlessly Girl Conference on November 16th.

Riveters hype up the crowd with a dance party at the Fearlessly Girl Conference.

Guest Speakers Dre Brown, Amy Purdy, Madison Keys, and Founder Kate Whitfield.

Ella Spence takes a picture of Riveters by a Fearlessly Girl backdrop.

The ROCKY Riveters

Rock Island Voices Ensuring Their Equal Rights are Secure

Riveters through the GENERATIONS

Maddie and Kathy Lelonek

Zoe, Jada, and Carla Veasey

Dori and Cora Foster

Key Events

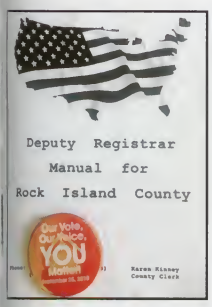
Meeting Moline Mayor, Stephanie Acri

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018

A Trip to the Rock Island Couthouse

Monday, October 3rd, 2018

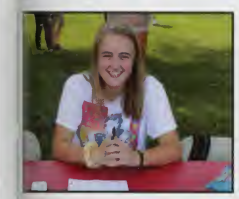
The Riveters meet with Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, May 2nd, 2018.



The Riveters held a voter registration on September 25th, 2018, to help register voters of all ages, and to encourage younger people to exercise their right in the Midterm Election.

The Riveters volunteer at the Edison Resource Room, Nov. 6th, 2018.

The Riveters shopped for local children with the Milan Women's Club at Walmart, Dec. 2nd, 2018.



The Rocky Riveters encouraged their peers to sign up for the club at the Rally at the Rock.

The Riveters hosted a Galentine's Day Party, on Feb. 12th, 2019.

Nevertheless They Persisted

The Riveters Club was started in 2016. It was inspired by Jada Veasey ('18), Sarah McCullough ('18), and Kieran Benson ('18) and was co-founded by Ms. Miers and Mrs. Randolph. Within the past 2 years, the Riveters have grown and become more diverse. Originally, there were around 20 members, and it has recently expanded to approximately 50.

The group's goals include empowering females and serving the community by bringing in guest speakers and discussing issues related to Rock Island High School and the surrounding area. One main goal accomplished, so far, is bringing in successful women who hold traditionally male jobs. Ms. Miers stated that, "I believe that if girls can see other women in positions where few women are, they can see themselves there, and believe their goals are more realistic." Besides female empowerment, the Riveters also discuss LGBTQ and minority group issues.

Service projects are also a significant part of the group. During the 2017-2018 school year, the group organized a book drive, donating over 240 books to local elementary schools. This year, the club plans to volunteer more, including holding a voter registration drive, and assisting at the Edison and Rocky Resource rooms. Miers said, "I think it's important to instill the need to better your community and give back in a club like this."

Miers says her favorite part of leading is "seeing the girls gain confidence and get excited about something we are doing."

Although the Riveter's club is very new, it has accomplished a lot, and they can't wait to see where the future takes them. As Mrs. Randolph said, "We have already positively impacted our school, community, and the lives of our members. We have created a safe space for our girls to feel empowered and their ideas to be valued."

RIVETERS GEAR

Dori and Cora Foster

Shaila Christopher

Montana Hogan

Gwendalyn Waggoner

Guest Speaker IL Representative Tony McCombie

Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

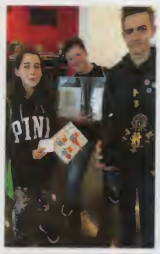
The Riveters hosted the SPARK assembly with alumni (Miss Iowa) Mikayla Hughes-Shaw.

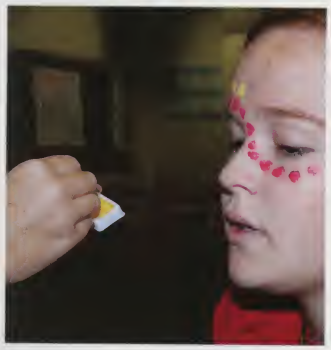
Dec. 3, 2018

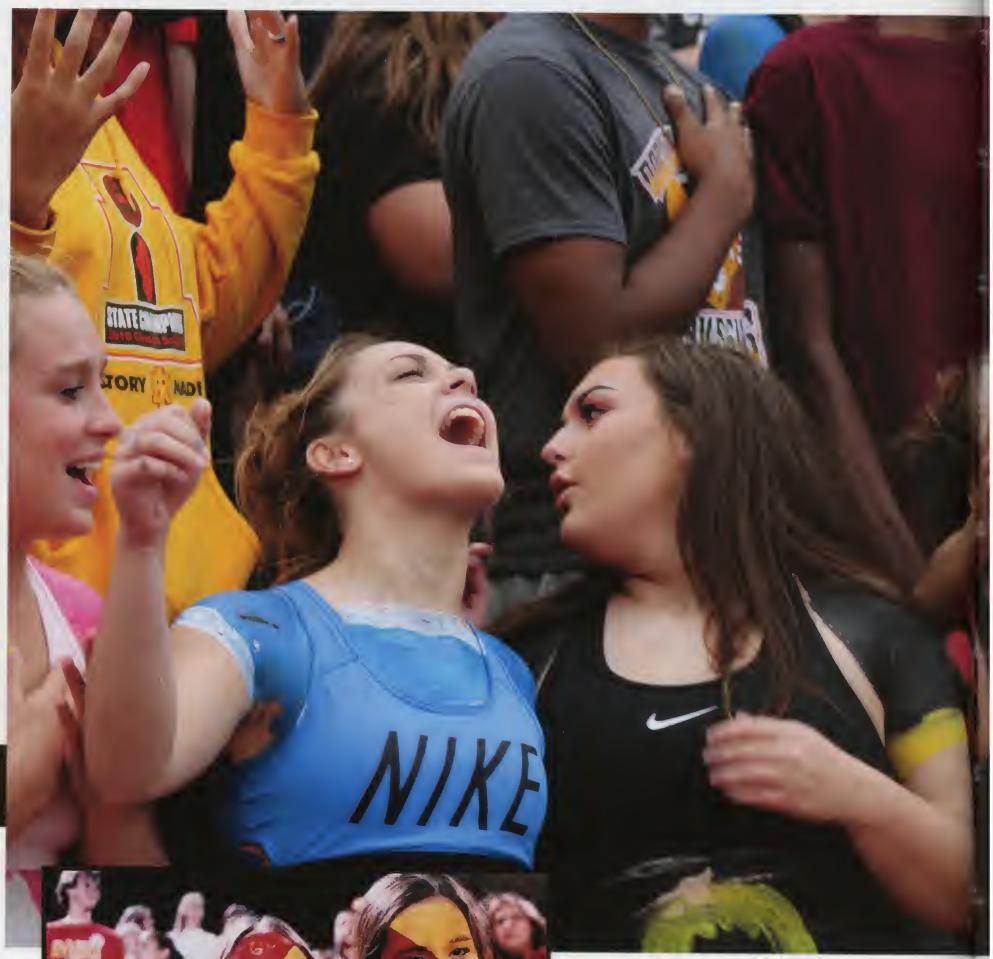
of 2018-19

NOW & Then

In 1973, a club called "FREE" (Freedom, Rights, and Equality for Everyone) existed to "further the women's rights movement through Rocky." They worked towards their goal by campaigning for equal employment, creating a class focusing on women in the high school curriculum, and even hosting a table tennis tournament as a fundraiser.



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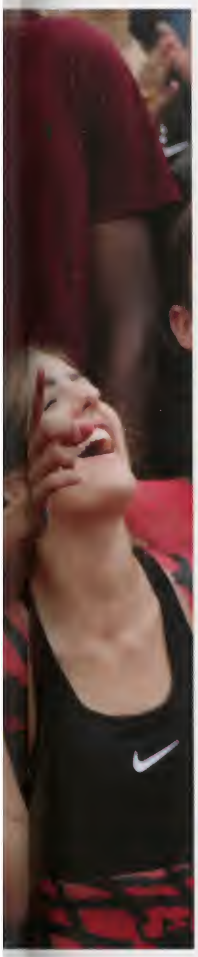
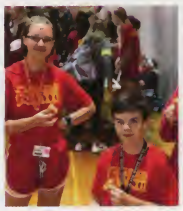
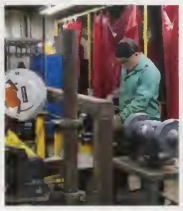
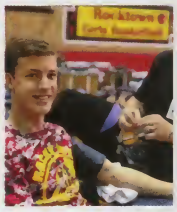


STUDENT LIFE







HOMECOMING COURT

Jocee Bloyer and Gabe Gonzalez

Breanna Homan and Charlie Allison

Brea Beal and Aaron Voss

Carlee Camlin and Grant Osborn

Kayla Canning and Miles Crawford

Jada Harris and Fredy Zetina

Ariana Gabriel and Jamal Randle

Grace Gruhlke and Owen Beltran

Ana Jacobs and Austin Ford

Emma Spurgetis and Elijah Andrews

HOMECOMING 2018

SPIRIT WEEK

Iconic Duo

Beach Day

When I Grow Up...

Class Color

Red & Gold

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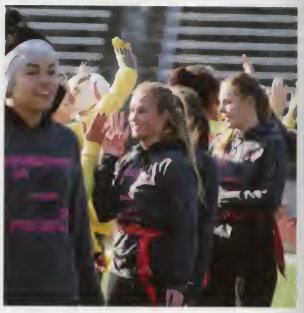
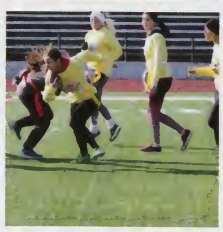
ROCK
DOWN

Powderpuff 2018



ABOVE: Seniors and Juniors shake hands after the hard fought game. Seniors held the Juniors to a shut out with touchdowns scored by Delaney Kelley and Breanna Homan. All money raised from this game was donated to the Student Hunger Drive.

SENIORS WIN 14-0



ABOVE: Juniors prepare their offense during the game on November 11th. **LEFT:** Senior Coaches Grant Osborn, Austin Ford, Ian Purvis, Will Maurer, Spencer Hasselroth, Clovis Kenese, and Grant Florence pose after the big win.

RIGHT: Seniors Emily Laughlin and Shannon Kenney and Junior Hannah Simmer look at the coaches on the sideline, smiling.

POWDERPUFF *in the* PAST

2018 Game	Seniors '19
2017 Game	Juniors '19
2016 Game	Seniors '17
2015 Game	Seniors '16
2014 Game	Cancelled
2013 Game	Juniors '15
2012 Game	Seniors '13
2011 Game	Juniors '13

LEFT: The Juniors huddle to organize their next play.
Below: Senior, Breanna Homan dodges Junior, Emma Beierlein as she carries the ball.

ABOVE: Seniors Spencer Hasselroth and Breanna Homan celebrate after Homan scored a touchdown.
LEFT: The Seniors gather to discuss the strategy for their next play. The Seniors were led by quarterback Ashley Peters.

A Look BACK *on the* GAME

Lauryn Stegall
"Powderpuff was fun, but the stairs the day after weren't."

Raghen Walker
"I've never been so sore in my life."

Ashley Peters
"Big time players made big time plays, and that's why we won 2 years in a row."

Hannah Simmer
"Whenever Kylee and I were tired and didn't want to run on the next play, we would tell each other to hug so it'd look like we were doing something."

Carlee Camlin
"We all played really hard, and it was really fun to come out on top again, as back to back champs!"

Jayla Hathorn
"Not gonna lie, they had us. My back almost broke, so that's when I decided to back off and look out for everyone's safety."

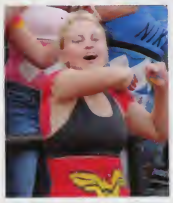
ALMQUIST FIELD FANATICS

QUARRY CRAZIES

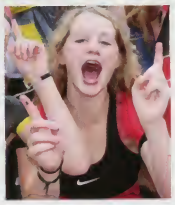
FANS IN THE STANDS

ROCKTOWN PRIDE

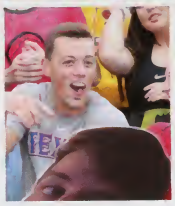
Kya Burkhardt
"I enjoy being able to support our team with all my friends."



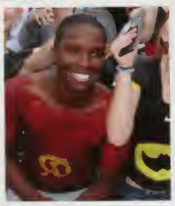
Delaney Kelley
"I enjoy being the leader, and watching all the fans get hyped."



Carlee Camlin
"I really had a fun time coming together with my classmates to cheer on the boys every Friday night!"



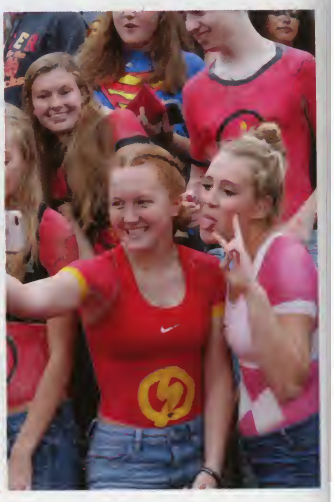
Spencer Hasselroth
"I enjoy watching the football team do work and cheering with my class."

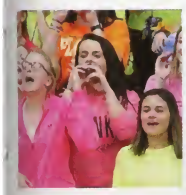


Donell Clark
"I liked cheering on my school and spending time with my classmates. Also, I like tailgating with my friends before every home game, which was very fun."

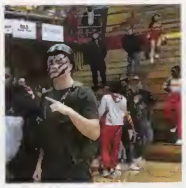
Charlie Allison
"I enjoy being with friends."

JaMir Price
"The spirit everybody showed and how we all came together to support our football team is the best."





"I like being surrounded by everyone and cheering for our teams. It really shows the Pride Rocky students have."
- Emily Laughlin

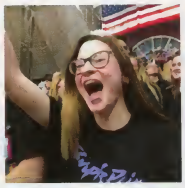


"I like being close to the action. It's indoors, so there's no reason not to go support my Rocks."
- Will Maurer

"Being around my classmates and cheering on the team, and competing with other student sections."
- Ashley Peters

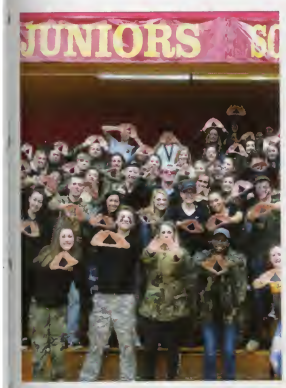
"The energy is super high in the basketball student section, and it's fun seeing the guys making winning shots or hit a 3 to tie up the game."
- Grant Osborn

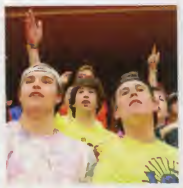
"Getting the chance to cheer on our teams with my best friends; it's just so exciting."
- Emily Jansen



"I like the school spirit that is shown, and it's an exciting place to be on a Friday night."
- McKenna Chastain

"I like being in the front row, cheering against other student sections."
- Lauryn Stegall





ROCKTOWN PRIDE

FANS IN THE STANDS

Rocky TRADITIONS

FOOTBALL:
"We do a Rocktown chant before the game and the linemen get into a circle to hype up."
- Ian Purvis

BASKETBALL:
"We go to Coach Sigel's house after the Red and Gold Game, and we have team dinners on Thursday nights."
- Charlie Allison

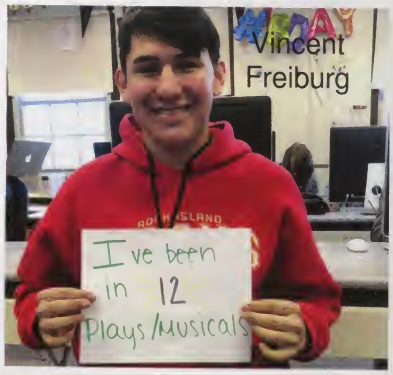
SOFTBALL:
"The starting pitcher picks the uniforms for away games, and we go out to dinner every Friday before a Conference game."
- Lauryn Stegall

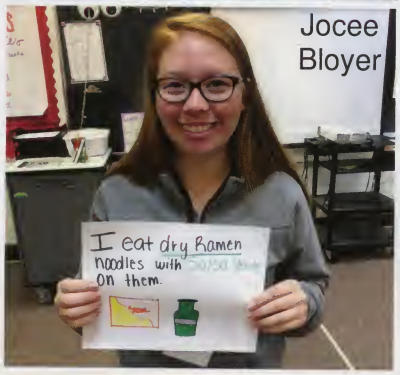
VOLLEYBALL:
"We have a stuffed bunny that we take with us everywhere."
- Monica Diaz-Reyes

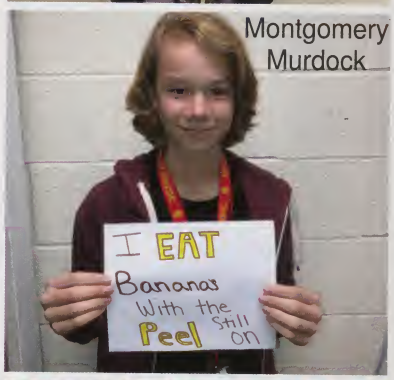
MARCHING BAND:
"We sing the Alma Mater after every performance, no matter what time it is."
- Gabriel Gonzalez

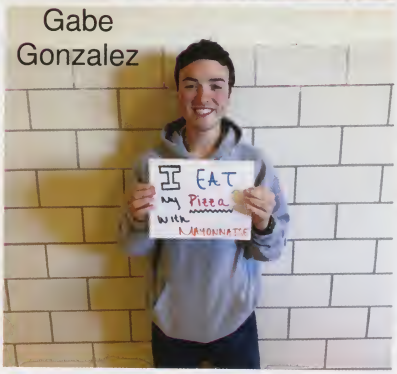
DRAMA:
"Every theater performance, two groups stand on a side, facing each other, and a senior is picked for each side, and the two groups do chants at each other."
- Vincent Freiburg

SECRETS AT THE ROCK









A DAY IN THE LIFE Of A ROCK

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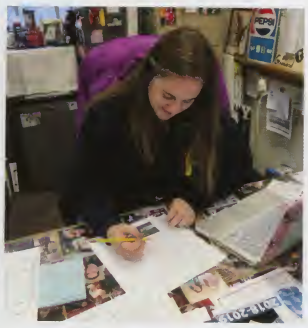

"Grading papers."

- Mrs. Greenwood

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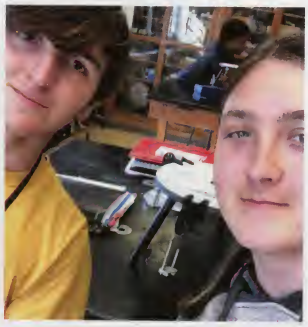
"Studying government."

- Maggie Honeycutt and Zoe Veasey

10:00AM



"Learning about physics."

- Tristinn Davis and Gannon Aldeman

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"Eating lunch."

- Liam Haskill

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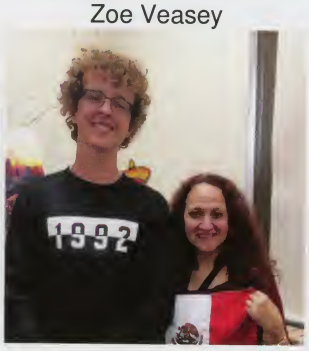

"Speaking Spanish."

- Matthew Crone and Senora Ramirez

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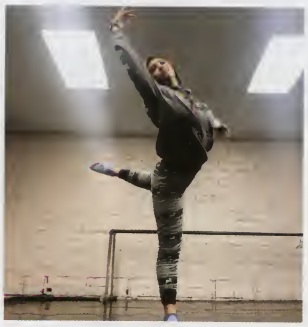

"Teaching a class at Ballet Quad Cities."

- Siobhan Dunn

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"Arriving at marching band rehearsal."

- Larissa Pothoven

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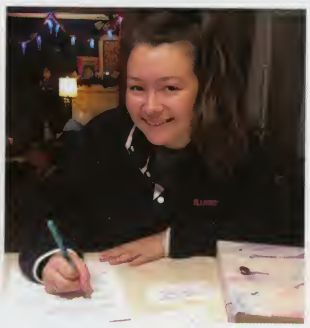


"Coming home from work and starting homework."

- Emily Jansen

10:00PM

"Having a late night snack."

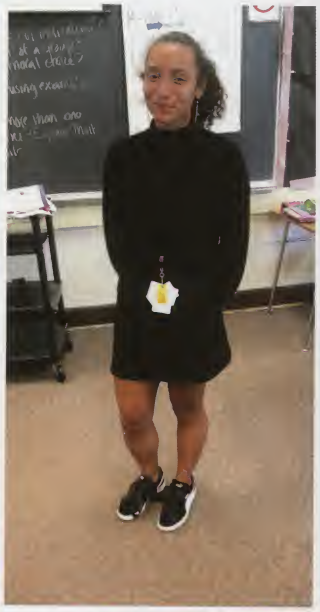
- Gwendalyn Waggoner

FASHION AT THE ROCK

Jacob Voigt
"My style varies between like a skater style/ streetwear. And, I like it because not many people are doing it, or even caring about their fits."

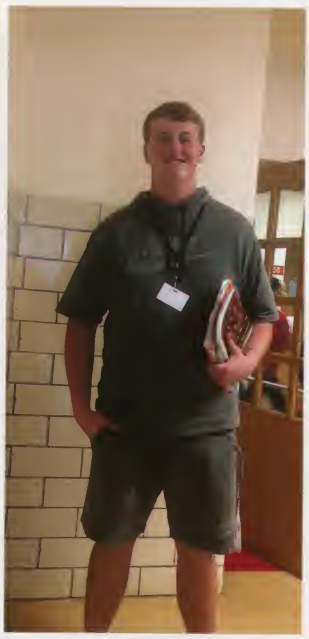
Storm Stern
"I'm not with the fashion. The fashion is with me."

Mercedes Hantz
"Cute. Casual. Comfortable."



Mirsa Boyer
"I like that it is laid back and has vintage qualities to it. I like trying new things together, and I can do that with my clothes."

Shay Robinson
"I love my style because it's a way to express myself without words. My style is me."



Logan Swartz
"I like looking fresh. It makes me feel good."

Isabel Drish
"My style is really just what I find cute. I match or mix and match all the time, and I find it a little unique, I guess."

Bukuru Coudray
"My style is modern, and also very comfortable and casual. I like that I'm very comfortable in my clothes."

2020
A CLASS WITH VISION
RIHS DM 2019
2018 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS
happy holidays
I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU
YEAH WE'RE HERE
SENIORS WE ARE THE B19 Deal
WAS IST LOS
MIT DEM STEIN INSEL DEUTSCHKLUB?
STUDENT HUNGER DRIVE
RIVER BEND FOODBANK
CHEER for the Rocks
C-LLECTIVE
SECTIONAL TEAM 2018
POWDERPUFF 20
FOOTBALL 18
ROCK ISLAND TENNIS
ENCH CLUB
ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Homecoming '18
ROCK ISLAND ROCKS
ROCK ISLAND KEY CLUB
Why do you run? We run for pRide! RIXC
Powderpuff Seniors 2018
The Pajama Game
ROCK ISLAND
DO EPIC STUFF
GIVE BLOOD.
ROCKY WELDING
ROCK ISLAND ROCKS
Rocks XC
Champions CONFERENCE
ROCK ISLAND BASEBALL
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STATE CHAMPIONS
HISTORY MADE.
SPANISH CLUB
WHEN THE HOOD DROPS THE EXCUSES STOP!
ROCK ISLAND 20 Softball 18 STATE BOUND
CNA
Heart Of Nursing
'18-'19
Rock Island High School
Hey, Guess What?
Rock Island ORCHESTRA 2017-2018
I found this HUMEROUS
Medical Terminology
We Made Finals!
SWIMMING & DIVING
State Finals
I am pansexual
I am HUMAN
YOUR STORY WILL GO ON
Rocky Riveters
SWIMMING & DIVING
ROCK ISLAND BASKETBALL
Be brave.
Be a friend.
Be yourself.
Be a ROCK.
AVID
TUG-OF-WAR
ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
CHEER Clinic '18
RIHS Senior night '19
DRIP
TOO HARD
SCHOLARSHIP
LEADERSHIP
SERVICE
CHARACTER
JUNIORS 2020
WHO YOU THINK YOU AHEAD OF? NOT US
YES INDEED WE'RE HUMBLE BEASTS coming like kodak we just got released
2020 TUNNEL VISION
out here on a mission
TUG-OF-WAR

JUNIORS WITH CARS

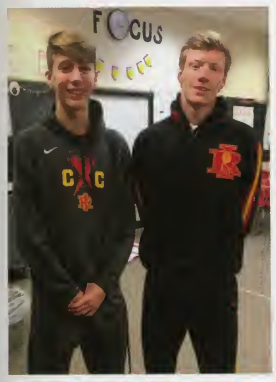
"My favorite thing about my Jeep would have to be my 12 inch sub. When I listen to music, it sounds amazing, and you can feel the bass when you listen to music."
Darian Harding, 11

"My favorite thing about Francine is my steering wheel cover because it is unique."
Morgan Nesbitt, 11

"Candice has a really loud radio."
Anna Rowell, 11

"Its gas mileage."
Tye Gordon, 11

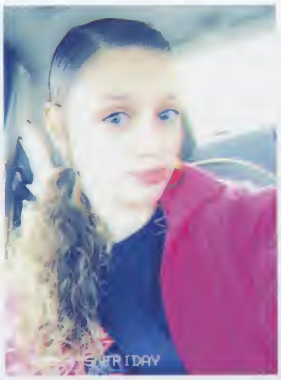
"My favorite part about my car is that it has bluetooth and 4 wheel drive."
Isabelle Sosa, 11

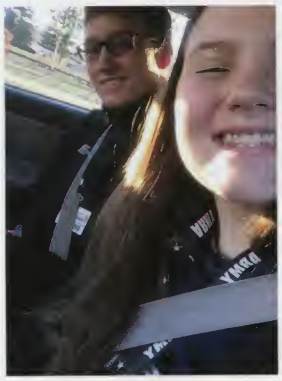


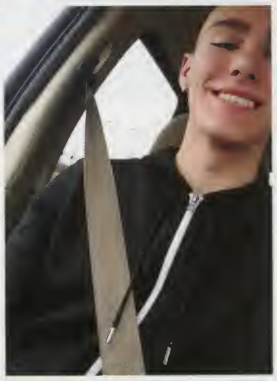
Sharing the Wheel
Tyler Meirhaeghe (12) and Austin Meirhaeghe (11) both share a car.

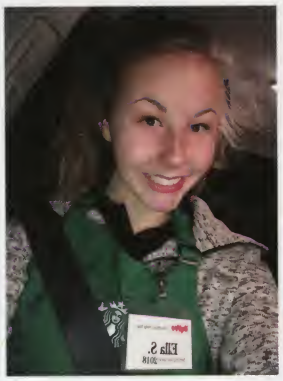
Rocky students show that driving safely with your seat belt on is very important.

SAFETY FIRST









Taylor Sierens

"My car's name is Sandy because my mom chose it."

Maddison Mazzarollo

"My car's name is Annie because Annie is one of my favorite movies."

CAR NAMES

Lauryn Dempsey, 11

"My car's name is Besty."

Anastasia Kask, 12

"My car's name is Moby."

Working Now & Then

ROCKS

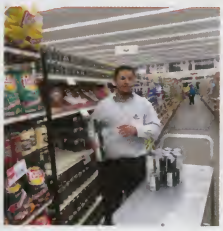
Gracie Roady & Alban Rachal

"We both work at Whitey's, and like working here because we've been able to make friends and have fun."

Austin Ford

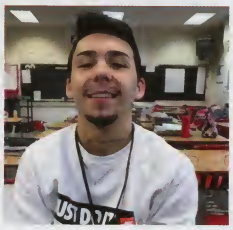
"I do maintenance at Rocky. I like this job because I get to work with my dad. It also has flexible hours and great pay."

Students at Rocky don't just work hard at school. Some have interesting jobs outside of the 8 hour days at the Rock. From waitresses to caregivers in a nursing home, Rocky is lucky to have such skilled and diligent students walking the halls.



Izaya Hooks

"I work at Hy-Vee. It doesn't feel like work. It feels like I'm just working with my family."

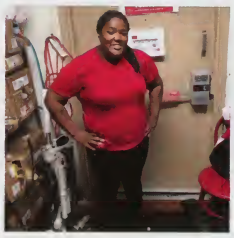


Michael Myers

"I work at Little Caesar's, and my favorite part about my job is making that dough."

Erica Depoorter

"I love working at Fazoli's because of the atmosphere, and I love being able to help customers, and put a smile on their faces!"



Jacklyn Weckerly

"I work as a CNA at Friendship Manor. My favorite part of my job is getting to help people every day and learning their back stories."

Amelia Peña & Reagan Scheper

"We work at Whitewater Junction during the summer. Everyone there is funny, and everyone gets along well."

Kaiah Miles

"I work at City Line Veterinary Center. I like that I get to be around a lot of animals, and get some experience being a part of what I want to do in my future."

Emma Beierlein

"I work at Lagomarcino's, and my favorite part about working there is being able to try all of the seasonal candy!"

Ellie Maranda

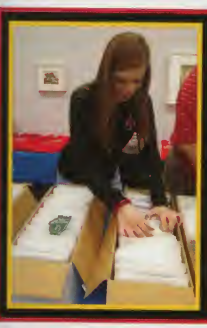
"I work at Whitey's, and my favorite things about my job are my coworkers and the discount."

Senior STUDENTS Giving Back

ROCKS

Kalangilo Davis

*Festival of Trees Volunteer
*Helps the Theater Departments at the junior high schools in the district



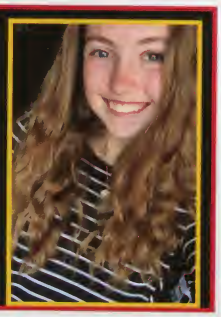
Hannah Knuth

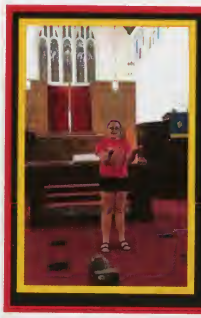
*Volunteers at Bless the Beginning Preschool over the summer
*Festival of Trees Volunteer
*Helps with her mother's kindergarten room

GIVE

Taylor Sierens

*Volunteer For Closet 2 Closet
*Intern for the Quad City Storm





Emily Painter

*Festival of Trees Volunteer
*Helps with her mother's Head Start class
*Passes out bags of food to the homeless
*Helps with the Special Olympics

Vincent Freiburg

*Works to improve the environment in the QC
*Produces videos about being kind for elementary schools through the RI Journalism Dept.

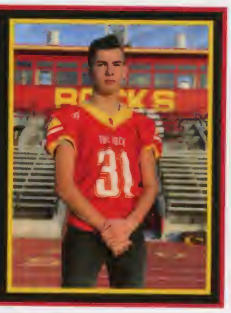
BACK

Amber & Amy Haskill

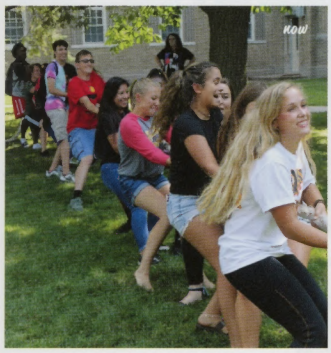
*Founded Closet 2 Closet to help kids in the foster care system throughout the greater Quad City area

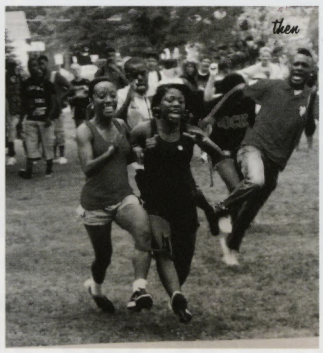
Calin Nevarez

*Collected and donated canned goods with the QC Shock House
*Tutors kids at Washignton Jr. High



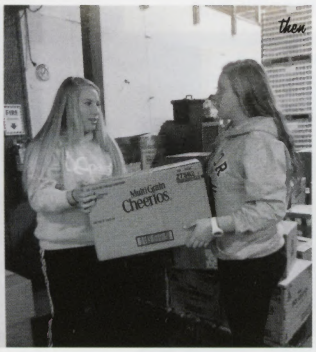
The Rocks go Month by Month





August: The first month back to school! The annual Rally at the Rock is an event after the first Friday of the school year. Students can join in on activities and sign up for clubs that students may be interested in. It opens by the band playing the school song with Color Guard and cheerleaders dancing along! "Rally at the Rock is a really cool experience for the freshmen and all of the sports and activities, and that is how a lot of people get involved, and start to get in the school spirit."
- Clair Eastman

September: Homecoming! The Homecoming Assembly and Parade happen the day before Homecoming to celebrate the game that night! Students all join in the Field House to watch lunch activity winners, the cheerleaders, choir and band, and the Homecoming Court! "Homecoming Week really inspired me. This was my first year at Rocky, and I was shy and worried about making friends. Homecoming Week helped me to open up and make friends. It was really fun to participate in all of the themes!"
- Jill Elder

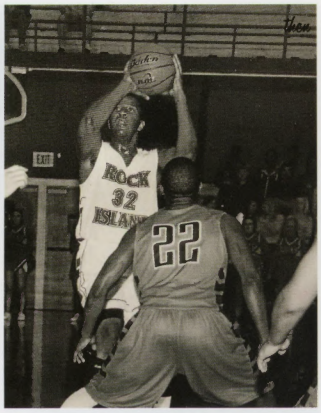


October: Hunger Drive! Every year, Student Council participates in the QC Hunger Drive. This year, the school had an incentive, which was if they donated enough cans, Mr. Whitaker was going to wear a Captain America suit all day to school! "It was such a good experience! All of our hard work paid off, and it was such a good feeling to see how much we were able to collect for such a good cause."
- Ella Munday

November: Powderpuff Football! Every year, students are allowed to participate in Powderpuff, a game of Senior Girls vs. Junior Girls in football, coached by the football players! The money raised from the athletes playing, goes to the Hunger Drive, as well! "It is a good way to get everybody together, and it is fun to go against the junior class!"
- Gracie Roady

December: Christmas Concerts in RIHS music programs! The band plays their annual "Sleigh Ride", which the Marching Band and Concert Band join together to play! They also play a mix of fun holiday songs! "Personally, it is my favorite concert of the year, and it is very relaxing."
- Dayton Ellis

January: Girls Basketball is in full swing and the team practices to get ready for finalizing their place in Conference and attaining a high seed for the post season. "I was ready for basketball season, and I hope that we make it far, and work hard enough to go to State!"
- Morgan Freeman

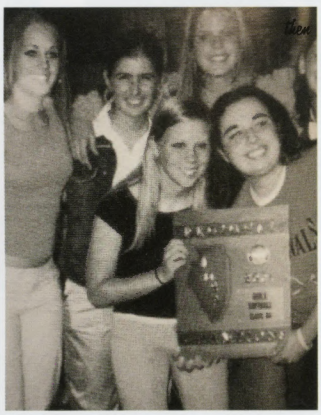


January: The Boys' Basketball Team is starting to buckle down in practice for big games coming up! "I was super excited to get basketball started, and I still am every day during practice and before games."
- Jayden Tucker

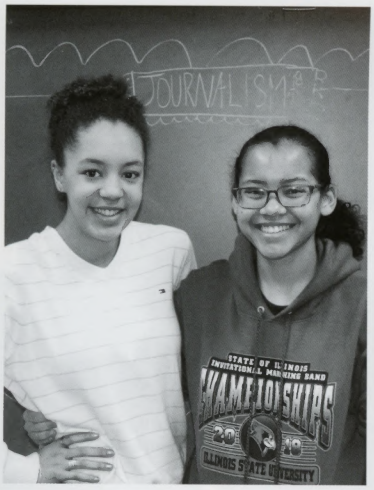
March: Every two years, the Music/Theater Department takes a trip to either Disney World or New York. This year, they took a 15 hour bus ride to the Big Apple. They got to watch "Mean Girls" and "King Kong" on Broadway!

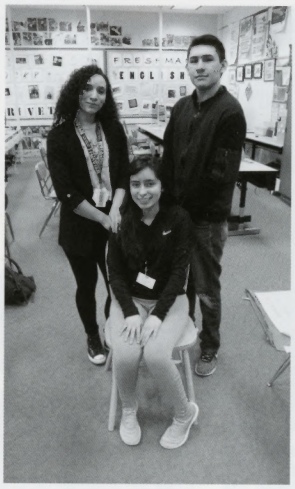
April: Prom 2018! This was Mrs. Anderson's last time throwing this end of year party for the juniors and seniors. The theme was "Glitz and Glamour," like a Gatsby party! With a water fountain and tons of glitter everywhere, the students loved it! "Prom was really fun and the decorations were so pretty!"
- Teigyn Sanders

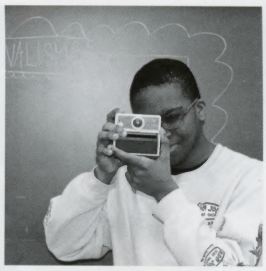
May: The 2018 Spring Musical was "The Pajama Game." The musical cast starts to learn their parts in February in order to have it done and in production by the first week of May! "The Pajama Game was a fun and interesting experience!"
- Phoenix Ullrick

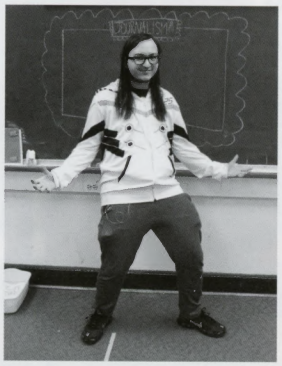


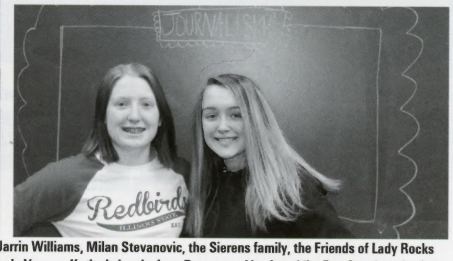
June: Rocky's Girls' Softball Team won the State Championship for the first time ever! The girls went 31-5 on the season, and made history to end their season with a State Title! Each of the girls got Championship rings at the first home football game. "It didn't seem real at first, but it made the whole team feel so good, and we made Coach Allison so proud. We wouldn't have been able to do it without him and the community's support to help keep us going!"
- Ashley Peters











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